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## Army Short Men, Adopts Economy

WASHINGTON — Al Army is sticking to its Army of 7,700,000 men, it forced to adopt rigid economies because of the failure of the draft boards to supply men on schedule, Secretary of War Stimson said this week at his press conference.

Because of the shortage, men have been drawn from desirable but less essential activities to meet more pressing and immediate needs, Mr. Stimson explained. In this category are the recent slashing of the ASTP, the transfer of over 30,000 men who had been assigned to receive air crew training back to ground forces or ASF duties, and the announcement that physically fit men who have been stationed more than a year at permanent installations in the United States will be transferred to units headed for overseas.

The Army also announced last week that it is seeking civilians to replace Army personnel engaged in the schooling of illiterates.

The "immediate needs," according to Mr. Stimson, are for men to fill new units and to act as replacements. However, he said that some curtailments had been made possible because our losses were less than expected. Because of light losses, for instance, the Air Forces were able to shift some of their men back to the ground forces.

The War Secretary also pointed out that we have assumed an "increased load" since we set our original goal of an Army of 7,700,000 men, but he added it is not contemplated that the Army will be increased beyond that size.

Among measures being used by the Army to conserve manpower, according to Mr. Simpson, are the assigning of men not qualified for overseas duties and men returned from overseas to posts in the U. S. so that physically fit men can be sent abroad, the reduction of activities in the U. S., and the substitution of civilians for soldiers where practical.

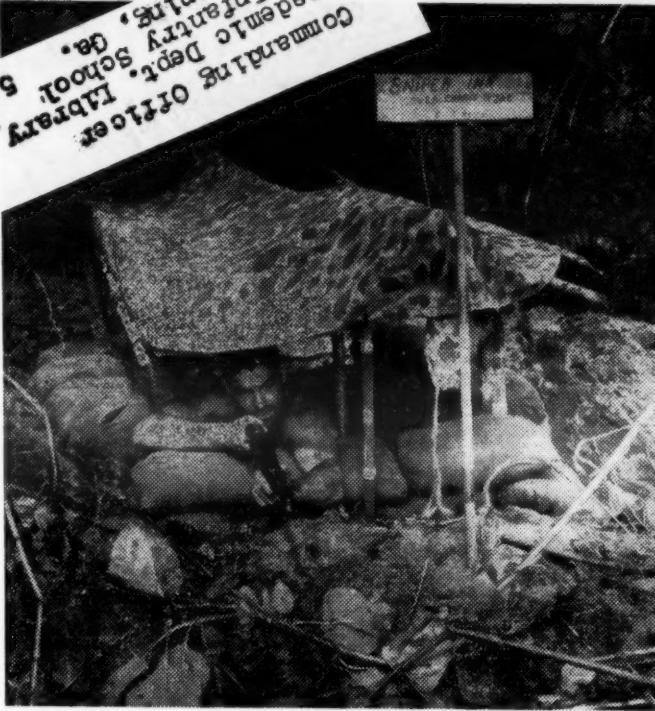
One-third of the Army was overseas on January 1, he said, and there will be twice that many by the end of 1944. One-third of the Army is in the Air Forces and the remainder is divided between the ground forces and the ASF.

Meanwhile, the Army and Navy backed a proposal in Congress to force 4-F's into war-essential jobs, but opposed drafting them and putting them into work battalions to accomplish the purpose. "We already have plenty of men for limited service," Undersecretary of War Patterson told a House Military Affairs Subcommittee.

## All-Negro 93rd Infantry Division in South Pacific

WASHINGTON — The all-Negro 93rd Infantry Division, commanded by Brig. Gen. Raymond G. Lehman, is overseas and stationed in the South Pacific area where it is undergoing further training, Secretary of War Stimson announced this week.

Mr. Stimson also said that one battalion of the Negro 24th Infantry Regiment has seen action in the Empress Augusta Bay region of Bougainville.



—Signal Corps Photo.

LIFE on Bougainville. This soldier's foxhole, complete with sandbags and camouflage, bears the sign: "Sniper Inn. Cover charge 1 Jap."

## AAF Destroyed 11,042 Enemy Planes In 1943

WASHINGTON — The United States Army Air Forces, blasting a relentless Allied path toward Tokio and Berlin, destroyed 9,463 enemy aircraft in aerial combat and 1,579 craft in aerial combat in 1943, the War Department announced this week. In the same twelve months, 2,809 AAF planes were destroyed in aerial combat and 76 on the ground.

Taking the offensive against the enemy with increasing fury in the four quarters of the globe, the AAF in the last 6 months of 1943 exacted

a toll of enemy planes almost twice as large as in the first half of last year. In the second half of 1943, with the force of its blows against the Axis increased many times over, AAF plane losses in aerial combat and on the ground increased about 80 per cent over the preceding six months.

This 3.8 to 1 victory of plane against plane was won by the AAF while performing a diversity of missions, ranging from strategic bombardment of German industrial installations on the continent of Europe to air battles in the South Pacific.

It was won by the heavy bombers of the Eighth Air Force, based in England, for which the destruction of intercepting enemy aircraft is only coincident to the main job of putting the bombs on the German targets and destroying the German means to wage war.

It was achieved by the tactical employment of the air forces in the Mediterranean, in which even the big bombers were used directly against the Nazi troops on the battlefield of Salerno and helped to save the day there and gain a foothold on the European continent.

It was compiled in the Southwest Pacific, to carve Allied air bases steadily deeper into the perimeter of Japanese defenses; in the South Pacific, to secure the Solomons; in the Aleutians, to sweep the Japs out of range and sound of enemy fire. But we'd bet that if those fellows ever found time to hold a caucus on this issue, in a foxhole while munching their K-rations, they would be hard put to understand Washington's deliberative processes.

## Bill for 'Fight Pay' Presented to House

WASHINGTON — According to an editorial in the Washington Daily News several Congressmen have seconded Ernie Pyle's suggestion that the services of men in the front lines be recognized by extra "fight pay." A bill calling for fight pay has been introduced by Rep. Weiss of Pennsylvania and the House Military Affairs Committee has promised it "sympathetic consideration."

"So far," says the News, "So good. But when do we get action? Soldiers ducking bullets at Cassino and on the Anzio beachhead probably aren't thinking of extra pay, or even regular pay, and no doubt would be only too happy to surrender all pay if they could just swap jobs a few days with men who are back of the lines out of range and sound of enemy fire. But we'd bet that if those fellows ever found time to hold a caucus on this issue, in a foxhole while munching their K-rations, they would be hard put to understand Washington's deliberative processes."

The AAF exercises extreme caution in preparing its claims against enemy aircraft. In case of doubt it favors the enemy by including (See AIR War, Page 16)

## Army Casualties Number 130,819 Thru March 15

WASHINGTON — Total Army casualties through March 15 numbered 130,819. Secretary of War Stimson announced at his press conference this week. Of this number 22,570 are killed, 53,124 wounded, 27,183 missing and 27,742 are prisoners.

Of the wounded, 27,221 have returned to duty, while 13,300 prisoners have been reported by the enemy to have died or disappeared mostly in Japanese prison camps.

Copies of the Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

## Germans Hold Fast; Allies Withdraw In Battle for Cassino

WASHINGTON — The road to Rome through Cassino is still blocked and according to reports from the front lines the attempts to open it have virtually ceased.

While no official statement has been released from Allied headquarters it is tacitly admitted and the facts are borne out in other reports that the attack on Cassino has fallen flat.

After the concentrated air and artillery attack on the embattled city an 11-day assault by Infantry units failed to dislodge the defenders. The ground activity was then largely called off. Gurkhas, who held the foremost Allied position on Monastery Hill, were withdrawn.

Other than the announcement that an artillery bombardment is still being thrown at the Cassino positions no news of other activities have been released for some days.

### Frank Comment

Stars and Stripes and the Canadian soldiers' Maple Leaf were the first to make an unofficial, frank comment on the situation. Stars and Stripes said:

"The Germans still stand straddling the central road to Rome, but they live on borrowed time. The Allies have learned many lessons in the battle for Cassino, lessons which will count wherever Germans are fought. The British and Americans who invade Europe from the west will profit. . . . When Allied soldiers start again on the road to Rome their way will have been made easier by the hard-earned knowledge gained in the fighting at Cassino."

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## Overseas Commanders May Appoint Non-Combat Officers

WASHINGTON — Warrant officers and enlisted men in non-combat assignments overseas who have demonstrated outstanding qualifications but who cannot be released for Officer Candidate Schools because of the importance of their work may now be appointed second lieutenants in the Army of the United States directly by their theater commanders, the War Department announced this week.

Overseas theater commanders had previously been authorized to appoint officers from the ranks for combat leadership. Appointment of officers from non-combat categories, however, was subject to War Department clearance.

In selecting the individuals under the new authorization, particular consideration is to be given to the demonstrated leadership and ability

of the men and their prospective value to the service in future assignments and in higher grade. In general, the appointments are to be limited to filling positions of a command nature or those which require special technical or professional skills.

To be eligible for appointment under the new authorization, individuals must have served overseas at least six months and must meet the standards prescribed for admission to Officer Candidate Schools. The number of such appointments will be limited to filling vacancies in tables of organization and allotments and shall not exceed authorized quotas. Such overseas appointments will not be made for assignment to the Medical Department or the Chaplain Corps.

## House Group Okays Bill Reserving Jobs for Vet

WASHINGTON — One answer to the problem of finding jobs for returning servicemen is being offered in a bill this week approved by the House Civil Service Committee which would give veterans preference in filling Federal jobs and reserve some Federal jobs exclusively for veterans.

The bill has the approval of President Roosevelt, the Civil Service Commission, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans. It is expected that it will meet little opposition.

The bill (H.R. 4115), besides putting into law the Civil Service rules

which give disabled veterans 10 extra points, and other veterans 5 extra points on their civil service examinations, also provides that as long as there are veterans available, examinations for positions of guard, elevator operator, messenger and custodian shall be limited to them. The President may also set aside other Federal jobs exclusively for veterans, but only until five years after the war.

Veterans' families are now entitled to preference under the bill. In addition, there are provisions for protecting veterans from being discharged or reduced in pay.

## Carried by ATC Planes Evacuated 173,527 in 1943

WASHINGTON—More than 173,000 sick and wounded patients of United States and Allied forces were evacuated by American military aircraft throughout the world in 1943, the War Department announced this week.

The total based on reports from the air surgeon, Maj. Gen. David N. W. Grant, to the commanding general of the Army Air Forces, Gen. H. H. Arnold, is broken down as follows:

Eleven air forces overseas	161,541
Eleven Air Transport Command wings overseas	8,687
AAF, Continental U. S.	3,299
Total	173,527

The above figures refer to sick and wounded patients admitted to a medical service and therefore include not only non-battle casualties, but also individuals who have been air-evacuated more than once, from one hospital to another. For this reason, these figures cannot be compared with totals appearing in battle casualty lists.

### Many to U. S.

A total of 3,260 individuals was evacuated from theaters of operation into the United States aboard Air Transport Command airplanes. The totals of patients evacuated in the major theaters of operation are as follows: New Guinea, 70,808; Solomon Islands, 24,767; and Tunisia, Sicily and Italy, 58,479.

In the Mediterranean area, where evacuated patients were flown a total of 16,491,266 miles and 131,762 hours, the average flight was 282 miles and the average flying time 2.2 hours. The customary evacuation route from Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands was more than 1,000 miles and the flying time ranged from 4½ to 7½ hours. Evacuation in New Guinea involved shorter hops in the majority of

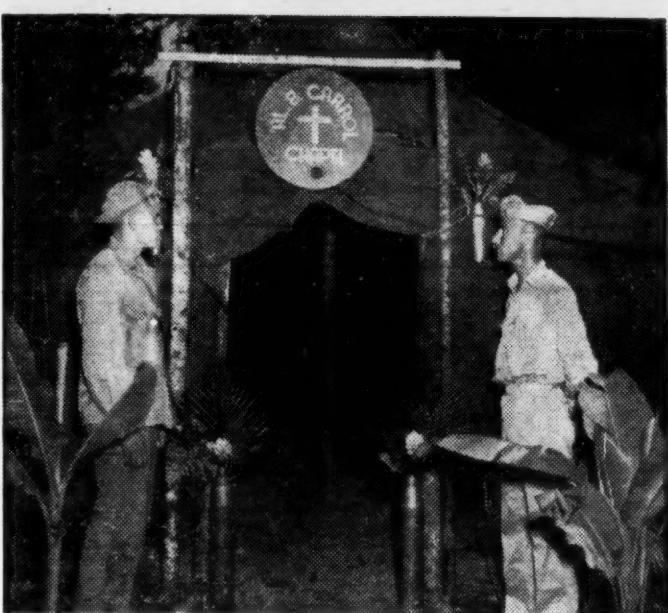
cases, the exception being the 700-mile flight to Australia.

Medical Air Evacuation Transport squadrons, consisting of flight surgeons, flight nurses and enlisted men trained at the AAF School of Air Evacuation, Bowman Field, Ky., are now on duty in all parts of the world. Twenty-five MAET squadrons have been activated since December, 1942.

Explaining that a medical study of the types of patients evacuated, reactions noted, and causes of death in flight has been projected by the School of Air Evacuation, General Grant said:

"Until this study is available, the story of air evacuation from the standpoint of medical risk is best told by the number of deaths during flight. The total reported in 1943 was 11. This is a rate of .006 per cent, or 6 per 100,000 patient trips.

"On the basis of the AAF's first full year of experience in the air evacuation of war casualties, we can conclude that this is the best method of choice for the quick, safe, and comfortable transportation of virtually all types of sick and wounded patients. Air evacuation in troop and cargo carriers has solved the logistical problem of casualty evacuation without any addition of vehicular equipment to Medical Corps units, and has contributed considerably to the tactical success of every major land offensive involving American forces. It has reduced the need for hospitalization in forward areas. Its swift and comfortable delivery of the patient to a hospital equipped for definitive medical care places air evacuation in a group with the sulfa drugs and blood plasma as one of the three greatest life-saving measures of modern military medicine."



**MEMORIAL** to Al. B. Carroll, first man in his infantry battalion to lose his life on Bougainville Island in this chapel in the Bougainville forest. Carroll's outfit is part of the American Division.

## Mrs. Somervell Chairman Personal Affairs Committee

WASHINGTON — Mrs. Brehon Somervell, wife of the Commanding General of the Army Service Forces, has been designated to serve as Chairman of the Women's Advisory Committee of the recently established Personal Affairs Division, it was announced this week by the War Department.

The Advisory Committee includes the wives of other high-ranking Army Officials who will work with Mrs. Somervell to establish women's volunteer committees at Army posts, camps and stations to aid servicemen and their dependents in solving personal problems. The province of the women volunteers is primarily informational, and they will cooperate with the Red Cross and similar organizations. Volunteer women's activities will include visiting homes of military personnel, arranging for medical care and hospitalization, establishing day nurseries, and providing clerical assistance.

Other members of the Committee are:

Mrs. Robert P. Patterson, wife of the Under Secretary of War.

Mrs. George C. Marshall, wife of the Chief of Staff.

Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower, wife of

the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force.

Mrs. H. H. Arnold, wife of the Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

Mrs. Jacob L. Devers, wife of the Deputy Commander, Allied Forces, Mediterranean Area.

Mrs. Lesley J. McNair, wife of the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces.

Mrs. Mark Clark, wife of the Commanding General, Fifth Army.

Mrs. George Patton, wife of Lieutenant General George Patton.

Mrs. Virgin J. Peterson, wife of The Inspector General, United States Army.

Mrs. Lorenzo D. Gasser, wife of Major General Gasser.

Mrs. William Smedberg, formerly Chairman of the Woman's Committee of Army Relief.

Mrs. Richard Bissell, Director of Volunteer Services, American Red Cross.

Mrs. Archibald MacLeish, Director of Camps and Hospitals, American Red Cross.

Mrs. Miller G. White, wife of Major General White, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, War Department General Staff.

Mrs. Ray E. Porter, wife of Major General Porter, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, War Department General Staff.

Mrs. Russell L. Maxwell, wife of Major General Maxwell, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, War Department General Staff.

Mrs. Clayton Bissell, wife of Major General Bissell, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff.

Mrs. Thomas T. Handy, wife of Major General Handy, Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations, War Department General Staff.

Mrs. Alexander D. Surles, wife of Major General Surles, Director, War Department Bureau of Public Relations.

Mrs. William Bryden, wife of Major General Bryden, member of the War Separations Board, Office of the Secretary of War.

Mrs. John H. Hilldring, wife of Major General Hilldring, Chief Civil Affairs Division, Office of the Chief of Staff.

Mrs. Howard C. Davidson, wife of Major General Davidson, Commanding General, Tenth Air Force, India.

Mrs. Stephen G. Henry, wife of Brigadier General Henry, in the Office of Chief of Staff, War Department General Staff.

Mrs. Raymond E. Lee, wife of Brigadier General Lee, member of the War Department General Staff.

Mrs. Raymond F. Fowler, wife of Brigadier General Fowler, Office of the Chief of Engineers.

Mrs. William F. Tompkins, wife of Brigadier General Tompkins, War Department Special Staff.

Mrs. Charles B. Bubb, National Representative acting for the Army, under the Office of Domestic Operations, American Red Cross.

A four-day indoctrination course on the newly established program, under the supervision of the Director, Colonel Munson, was concluded in Washington, this week. The meetings were attended by representatives of the nine Service Commands, the Military District of Washington, and the offices of the Chiefs of technical services in Washington.

**WASHINGTON**—President Roosevelt has proclaimed April 6 as Army Day in honor of "the valiant soldiers," who have been welded by the fire of battle into "a mighty army of liberation."

The President reminded citizens of the coming invasion of Europe by calling their attention to the fact that they must face in the coming year "a burning test of their courage, their resourcefulness and their physical prowess."

The text of his proclamation was as follows:

"Whereas America's valiant soldiers have been welded by the fire of battle into a mighty army of liberation; and

"Whereas the men and women of the American Army, of different races and creeds but one in their love of freedom and their devotion to the goals for which the United Nations are striving, must face during the coming year a burning test of their courage, their resourcefulness and their physical prowess; and

"Whereas the Congress, by Senate concurrent resolution 5, Seventy-fifth Congress, agreed to by the House of Representatives March 16, 1937, has recognized April 6 of each year as Army Day and has requested that the President issue a proclamation annually with respect to that day:

"Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 6, 1944, as Army Day, and do invite the governors of the various States to issue proclamations calling for the appropriate observance of that day.

"And I urge the civilians of the Nation to reconsecrate themselves on that day to the task of producing in fullest measure and with the greatest possible speed the weapons and ammunition and the materials and supplies required to equip our Army and to sustain it until final victory.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

"FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

## ASF Directors Discuss Training

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—Revisions of military training doctrine to improve soldier training outmoded by changes in warfare were discussed at a conference of Army Service Forces directors of training at Fort Monmouth.

The conference, called by Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, ASF, commanding general, was presided over by Brig. Gen. Walter L. Weible, director of military training, headquarters, ASF.

Considerations at the three-day meeting stressed the mission of the Military Training Division, ASF, to supervise the military training of all elements of Army Service Forces so as to provide soldiers trained to perfection.

Topics discussed included: Distribution and utilization of visual aids to training, service schools and replacement pools, basic training, rotation of personnel, pre-induction training, the preparation of units from activation to movement overseas, and the Army Specialized Training Program.

Directors of training for the nine Service Commands and technical services, representatives of the Military Training Division, ASF, War Department General Staff, Army Air Forces and Army Ground Forces, ASF staff divisions and other military agencies attended.



## His Audience Used to Run Out on His Movie Shows

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—When 200 of your audiences, ranging in size from 150 to 3,500 persons, run—not walk—from the show, it's not that the movie's bad, it's a Nazi air raid.

Ask Sgt. Leo Karelitz, 28-year-old former New York City magician just returned here after 23 months overseas as a Signal Corps and special service film projectionist. He knows, for they were his audiences and he was running right along with them.

Sergeant Karelitz landed in North Africa Nov. 10, 1942, three days after the invasion started. Several weeks later, he was showing films in outdoor GI theaters hastily improvised

near Casablanca, Oran and Algiers. "We experienced more than 200 air raids in our various theaters before the Allies finally cleared the skies of Nazi planes, but we never lost a man—or an audience," he boasts.

"As soon as the air raid sounded, my audiences—which numbered from 150 to 3,500, mostly soldiers—would disintegrate and head for the nearest available cover. When the all-clear sounded, they would all come trooping back to see the rest of the show, no matter how late it was.

"During the early part of the North African campaign," he recalled, "the raids were so frequent that the men organized a pool with the proceeds going to the soldier who guessed most accurately which part of the picture would be interrupted by the raid."

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## Servicemen Make Strange Discoveries

An unidentified American pilot has seen a mountain in Sikiang Province of western China which he believes is higher than the 29,000 feet of Mount Everest in Tibet. The pilot, whose name has not been disclosed, was off his course when he saw the high peak towering 2,000 or 3,000 feet above his plane while his altimeter registered 31,000.

The mountain, hemmed in by other high mountains, is in the "most frightening country for flying" the pilot had ever seen. Other airmen, who have flown into this region by mistake, have already noted a disparity of 2,000 to 10,000 feet between the altitudes listed on the incomplete maps and the actual mountain altitudes.

"Usually they (the airmen) see these mountains in the worst air conditions when they are off their course and are concerned chiefly with the problem of getting home safely," a senior officer explained. "We hope these reports can be confirmed. With a war on, there is not time to plan scientific expeditions. Meantime, I believe anything is possible."

Throughout the world American servicemen are making discoveries. It is doubtful whether any other soldier or sailor will make a discovery which will rank with the possibility of discovering the world's highest mountain, but they are all making discoveries that will aid in developing a better post-war world.

American servicemen, stationed in strange lands, are meeting new people and encountering odd customs. They are finding that the American standards of living are far superior to those of most of our allies and enemies. They are learning to better appreciate the industrial might and inventive genius of their home land.

It isn't one-sided, however, as the people in the lands visited by the Americans are getting a new slant on the business of living. The British have recovered from their initial amazement concerning a bathtub in every American home and have asked the OWI to provide lecture courses on the American domestic, political and economic life.

Although the bulk of the American servicemen across the sea are anxious to get the war over so they can get back home, there are those who are anticipating a post-war career in another country. Regardless of whether American soldiers return home or stay in some foreign land, the lessons learned should prove invaluable to the post-war adjustment of "One World."

## Homesteading for Soldiers

"Homesteading for soldiers is out," Secretary of Agriculture Wickard reported in a recent radio broadcast. "There is little good, productive farmland left in the public domain for homesteading or acquisition by soldiers—as was possible after early wars in this country's history," he stated.

"The exact program available to any man returning to the farm after the war has not been fully determined, but it is not being overlooked."

Granted Mr. Wickard's statements are correct, why should that mean that homesteading is out? Good, productive farmland can be placed in the public domain by purchase, either by the federal or state governments.

There are thousands of idle farms in every state. There have been shifts from the farms to war plants. We think some of these farms should be acquired and made available to the soldiers. Certainly the idea should not be dismissed as "out" by anyone.

Throughout the history of this nation, soldiers returning from the wars have gone back to the farms. They have become the producers of this nation's food, the stable, solid citizens of the rural communities.

In fighting this war of indeterminable length the soldier-farmer has lost valuable years during which he could have been building a home, working and paying for his "40 acres." With this handicap the man of the soil now carrying a rifle deserves the cooperation of the government in obtaining land. Homesteading for the soldiers should not be out, it should be encouraged. If the Department of Agriculture has tossed the possibility of homesteading out the window it should be devoting its time to developing a substitute program which will give the soldier-farmer an even break when the war ends.

## WAC Can Claim Many 'Firsts'

FORT STEVENS, Ore.—Youngest enlisted member of the Women's Army Corps to serve overseas! General Ike Eisenhower's private telephone operator!

First overseas WAC to return to the United States on furlough!

Those are just a few of the distinctions chalked up by Pvt. Marjorie Dorothy Oids of Dayton, Ohio, now stationed at Fort Stevens, Oregon, as a telephone operator in the Harbor Defenses of the Columbia River, since her enlistment 19 months ago in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The 23-year-old woman served in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations for several months and was a member of the initial WAC company to serve outside of the continental limits of the United States.

## American Infantryman Is Greatest Hero of All

WASHINGTON—Around Cassino, "where heroism is so commonplace it is difficult to get the men to make recommendations for gallantry in action," the American infantryman is the greatest hero of them all, said Brig. Gen. William H. Wilbur, who was assistant commander of the

Thirty-sixth Infantry Division, and who has returned for convalescence at Walter Reed Hospital, said at a press conference this week.

"I've often marvelled that the doughboy, the front-line soldier, is doing no grumbling," General Wilbur said. "Valorous and gallant himself, he forgets his own heroism while admiring those around him—the medics, for instance, who never think of their own safety in their efforts to help the wounded. The infantryman's example causes the others to rise to his height."

## More Recruits



## Guest Editorial

### Air Attacks Are Invasion Not Just a Preliminary

(Following is the text of remarks by Gen. H. H. Arnold, Air Forces commander, at the premiere showing in Washington of the new Air Forces film, "Memphis Belle." This film was photographed and produced by camera crews of the Eighth Air Force, operating over Europe from bases in England, and is being distributed by Paramount Pictures, for the Office of War Information through the War Activities Committee of the Motion Picture Industry.)

You are about to see, over the shoulders of the crew of one of our heavy bombers, what the air war in Europe is like for the people fighting it. The men and their actions will speak for themselves; but before you look at the actual scenes of this new kind of warfare, I would like to tell you something about its plan and purpose. The crew of the Memphis Belle is one of thousands of crews; the flight you will watch is one of thousands of flights. Taken altogether, the picture they make up is so enormous and complex that it is not always easy to grasp the part of the individual crew or the single flight in the general plan.

This plan is simply to destroy Germany's ability to make war. You will understand, then, that our missions are by no means merely 'preliminaries' to invasion. They are invasion. No one who has ever watched one of these great expeditions start against Germany will doubt it. The imagination can hardly grasp that skyful of planes, twenty miles across the front, a hundred miles deep; formation after formation of our heavy bombers, under the swarming cover of our fighter escort. We are invading, and not at some remote beachhead. We are hitting the enemy where he lives. He knows that if he cannot stop us he is licked.

'Here is the crux of our air strategy, and here we have been able to face the enemy squarely with a desperate dilemma. The only way he can fight back against these air attacks is by putting up strong forces of fighter planes. He has no fighter planes to spare. He knows that when we come ashore in the west he is going to need those planes desperately. Oughtn't he to save them? He can't save them. Our bombing missions are headed right for the real source of all his air power, the plane factories, the ball-bearing plants, the vital installations. Without those he will be driven from the air in a week. He must put his fighters up and try to exchange them for enough of our bombers to cushion, though he cannot avert, the stunning blow. He is now in the fix that he had the Royal Air Force in during the Battle of Britain, but with a difference deadly to him. The German Air Force then had this same opportunity, but they were not ready for it. Hitler missed the boat because his bombers were too small, too few, and, being unarmored and almost unarmed, nearly helpless when attacked. We have not repeated his mistakes.'

Here is surely one of the greatest ironies in history. The men who planned this war, the men who thought themselves masters of the air, who believed in air power and were going to show the world how to use it, find that the wheel is come full circle. They thought right; but it is on them, on their airfields, their factories and their cities that the proof is falling and will continue to fall until they can fight no longer. This is the meaning of the mission of the Memphis Belle. This is the meaning of the air war we are waging in every theater.

## Letters

### Gentlemen:

I would like to see an extension in our V-mail service. Although it is only for the use of members of the armed forces overseas, there are many others who could be greatly benefited by this service.

My parents are missionaries in Free China, and I would like to use V-mail in writing to them. The men in service there use it and it seems to me much cargo space could be saved if it were enlarged to include civilians.

Pvt. David C. Harris  
Co. G, 319th Inf., APO 88  
Fort Dix, N. J.

### Gentlemen:

The \$100 mustering out pay for less than 2 months service and \$300 for service in excess of that time seems unbalanced. Even for 60-day men, \$300 would hardly cover the expenses incurred in giving up their jobs. Many of the men who enlisted at the beginning of the war didn't have time to lay away a few dollars for use after the war.

I feel that a bill which would increase with service would be more considerate—let's say \$300 for six months plus a certain percentage for each additional six months or year's service. Those who have served overseas and in actual combat should have an increased percentage.

There are no provisions for officers who receive more than \$200 a month which doesn't seem quite fair as they must pay for their own clothing and other things which are furnished to enlisted personnel.

Sgt. John C. Todd,  
APO 88, San Francisco, Cal.

### Gentlemen:

Would you inform the lieutenant conducting the contest described in the March 4 issue as "Invasion Guesses to Collect Jackpot" as to the existence of War Department Circular 90, Section III, paragraphs 1 and 2, dated February 29, 1944.

This circular strictly forbids speculation of any kind regarding "secret weapons or equipment, current and future military operations or plans."

We hope this suggestion will be received with the same spirit in which it is offered.

Interested.

### Gentlemen:

According to OWI, a buck private has a \$1,700-a-year job, getting \$50 a month in cash. Deduct this and deduct that and sometimes I draw \$18.30.

OWI allows \$1.50 a day for food, the War Department figures about 60c on furlough ration money. \$120 may be right for shelter—if they don't count shelter from cold.

On savings—I'd like to know how many ordinary GI's would carry \$10,000 worth of insurance, thereby saving \$63.40, if they weren't in as great danger as they are of getting their heads shot off. Contrary to saving \$10.95 on smokes, I pay more—my prewar brands were cheaper—11 or 12½ cents a pack—now it's 13 cents.

For a family of four, my average weekly laundry bill was \$1.25. And we didn't limit our baths to Saturday night, so how do we save \$32.50 on laundry? Beats me. My haircuts cost me a nickel more each—and I have to get them often so that my head will more closely resemble a pincushion.

Postage for my wife and myself averaged about 10 cents a week—now I write my wife airmail every day, at a saving I presume. I write about 3 free letters a month.

It also might be a good idea if the OWI Board of Strategy lived near a big Army camp and saw how the prices are sky high for the things GI's want.

Pvt. R. L. Keefe,  
Co. F, 310 Inf., APO 470,  
Camp Howze, Tex.

## Nazi EM Evidence Insubordination

WASHINGTON—While asserting that the German Army, in general, had not lost its discipline, a special correspondent of the Swiss newspaper *Journal de Geneve* wrote recently that insubordination among soldiers returned from the Russian front seems to be growing.

Reporting that the Eastern front soldiers are distinguished by a red ribbon on their tunic, the correspondent said that many of the "red ribbon men" no longer salute officers or show them any of the usual military courtesies back in Germany.

The writer illustrated his point with an incident in an overcrowded air raid shelter, in which he said that three soldiers rudely refused to let an officer sit on an empty chair near them.

"It is for our comrades that we reserved these chairs," the soldiers were quoted as saying.

# ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

Pvt. John Johnnie L. Smith nearly floored his company top kick at **CAMP CROWDER**, Mo., when he asked for a week-end pass so he could go on a 14-mile hike. The top checked up and Smith got the pass. He accompanied a Boy Scout troop on their Sunday jaunt.

Sgt. Joe Mathis, **CAMP COOKE**, Calif., came out of a town cocktail lounge to find his car stolen. He called the police, hopped a bus for camp and found the auto parked near the camp bus station. Next weekend, visiting camp again with a pal and a couple of girls he was arrested for stealing an automobile—his own. Explanations got him out of that. Last weekend, he again went to town—a different town this time—again his car was stolen and again he found it near the camp bus station. Kid stuff:

Pfc. Leon Krocker, **CAMP CAMPBELL**, Ky., penned a note to Miss Pat Donovan, Foley, Minn., whose name he found penciled on an egg shell. The other day he got a reply containing the information that Miss Donovan is "only 13 years old." But she added: "I have a sister 16. If you would rather write to her," Krocker is composing another letter.

This is to let Pvt. John E. Valentine's six-year-old niece know that he got her letter okay. Mail orderlies located Private Valentine, although the letter was addressed simply: "To My Uncle John, Co. C, 2nd Med. Tng. Bn., Camp Barker, Tex." In the upper left hand corner of the envelope was the return address: "Maryan, 1021 S. Eighth St., Philadelphia, Pa. There are a couple of dozen "Johns" in Co. C.

Cpl. Steve J. Hayko, **CAMP BLANDING**, Fla., amazes trainees with his feat of going into a shower with a lighted cigar and coming out with the weed still smoking.

When it rains it usually pours so here is another shower story. When several soldiers found Cpl. Gilmer Blankenship, **CAMP STEWART**, Ga., standing under a shower, clothed in fatigues, field pack and leggings, and soaping himself all over, they discovered what the h...! "I have discovered that this is the most satisfactory method of removing the

dirt one picks upon the infiltration course," Blankenship calmly explained as he removed the clothes—including his shoes—hung them neatly on a nearby shower faucet and began applying the soap to his skin.

A year after he had been sent out on a reconnaissance patrol in Tunisia, Sgt. Ivan T. Simpson reported the results to his platoon leader, Lt. Henry S. Ackroyd. After returning to the U.S. under the Army's rotation policy, Sergeant Simpson was stationed at the Cavalry School, **FORT RILEY**, Kans., where he learned that Lieutenant Ackroyd was assigned to nearby Cavalry Replacement Training Center. So the sergeant hunted up the lieutenant and explained how he had been wounded and captured, later escaped and made his way back to the Al-lined lines on foot.

"Captured" during Second Army maneuvers somewhere in **TENNESSEE**, Pfc. J. Malan Heslop, Signal Corps photographer, asked his "captors" to climb out on a log bridging a stream so he could take their picture. "Now don't move!" Heslop warned—and camera and all disappeared into the brush.

Sgt. James Hatke, **LINCOLN FIELD**, Nebr., asked a service club waiter for a raw egg, "because I read in a book the other day that raw eggs will build up your voice." "Do you sing?" asked an inquisitive GI. "Nope," replied the sergeant, "but I do need a strong voice to wake up the men in the barracks every morning."

Pfc. Raymond M. Lane, MP at **CAMP ELLIS**, Ill., had the painful duty of writing out a traffic ticket for himself. He made the mistake of driving through a "stop" sign with Maj. Benjamin F. Dies, camp security director, in the seat beside him.

T. Sgt. James W. Steiner, **BIGGS FIELD**, Tex., felt happy and started to swing his arms as he walked. He swung his left arm out of the socket at the shoulder. He's better now.

Sgt. Louis Bianchini, **CAMP BARKELEY**, Tex., had no answer when a trainee protested: "But, sergeant, how can I put my right foot down when you say 'right'—I'm left-handed!"

## Exchange Service Ready to Serve GI's in Invasion

NEW YORK—The stage has been set and the plans perfected to give the men that participate in our Second Front the finest exchange service that has ever been offered an invasion force, it was reported in a speech by Lt. Col. Robert H. Peters of Army Exchange Service Headquarters, New York, to the graduating class of the Army Exchange School, Princeton.

The graduation marked the end of the officer procurement program for Army Exchange Service since the quota for officer personnel to operate the Army's thousands of soldier stores has now reached full strength, according to Col. Francis R. Kerr, chief of Army exchange service.

Just returned from a month's tour of duty in the European theater, Colonel Peters told his fellow officers that they must be prepared to submerge themselves in their work without thought of personal interest or ambition. "This is the hardest task of all," he pointed out. "We can all do it for awhile, but it takes a real man to keep working to build morale of others when his only reward after one or two years of grueling work can be the inner satisfaction of a job well done."

Refresher courses for those now engaged in exchange operation will continue to be conducted at the School for Special Services—of which Army Exchange Service is a part—at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. These courses will begin in April.

## Square Hole?

WITH SECOND ARMY ON MANEUVERS, Somewhere in Tennessee—"Some of the boys from New York had never seen a cow until they came into the Army, and I'd never seen a farmer's wire fence," commented Pfc. Mark Andres, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Almost to a man, Private Andres' fence repair crew hails from the New York metropolitan area, and since their advent into the Army have learned the intricacies of fence stringing. "Only one thing worries us," said Private Andres. "They told us we were learning a trade we could make use of the rest of our lives. Are they going to need fence repair men along Fifth Avenue?"

## WAC ASF Staff Director Awarded Silver Leaf

WASHINGTON — Maj. Katherine R. Goodwin of Hartford, Conn., staff director for the Army Service Forces, has become the eighth lieutenant colonel in the WAC, the War Department announced.

As WAC staff director for ASF, Colonel Goodwin has immediate supervision of WAC assigned within Army Service Forces. Colonel Goodwin advises the commanding general, ASF, and the director of personnel, ASF, on WAC activities, including training, supply, recruiting and utilization, and inspects WAC units and field activities.

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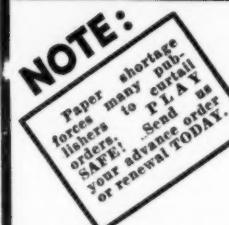
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## Radio Repair Shop Doubles as School

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In the classrooms students practice eliminating troubles put into radio equipment by the instructors, but they are synthetic, manufactured "bugs" designed to speed the training process. But in the new shop radio repairmen fix troubles that have occurred in the normal processes of field training. Equipment from all parts of the camp is brought to the shop for repair.

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### Who Held the Bathroom

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS AT CASSINO—An illustration of the intensity of the fighting at Cassino, before the buildings were leveled in the recent concentrated bombing attack, was given by a corporal who had just come out of the action. Asked how things were going in the town he summed up the afternoon's operations with: "Understand we captured five living rooms, three dining rooms, and have advance patrols in a kitchen."

### Carry Noted Names

HEADQUARTERS, PANAMA DEPARTMENT—Max Baer, Fred Allen and Edward G. Robinson have returned to the United States after a tour in this department. With them went Robert Young, James Stewart and Frankenstein. John L. Lewis remained for an extended visit. Following the personal appearances of the Bob Hope-Francis Langford troupe on the Isthmus, this would appear to indicate that other celebrities had made visits here. However, it appears that Cpl. Max Baer, Sgt. Fred Allen and S/Sgt. Edward G. Robinson were until recently members of units stationed here, and that their "tour" was a regular one of duty in the Quartermaster detachment. The same holds for Sgt. James Stewart, Pfc. Robert Young and Cpl. Joseph D. Frankenstein, all of whom were on duty here and have been reassigned in the United States. Pfc. John Lewis still has several months of service ahead of him before he will be eligible for reassignment.

### Digging Up Money

KWAJALEIN ATOLL, Marshall Islands—American soldiers who used to dream in childhood that someday they would dig money out of the ground have been realizing just that dream recently. An American bomber dropped a "bankbuster," on the local house of finance the other day. Money flew in all directions over a wide area, much of it being covered by flying debris, so that soldiers have been digging it up since, sometimes in double handfuls. The mere suggestion that the "occupying money" has no value is met with dirty looks by the men who have been doing considerable work for it.

### New Ration

A NAVAL SUPPLY BASE IN NORTH AFRICA—Some curiosity, and also some momentary alarm, was aroused here when an Arab was seen sitting on a log near headquarters munching what looked like a stick of candy. Out of curiosity a guard strolled over and discovered that the "candy" was a stick of dynamite. The guard called other GIs into conference with the result that one joker quickly scrawled a sign and hung it over the Arab's head. It bore the one word "Fragile." Without incident the Arab finished the tidbit and strolled off. The guards discussed the possibility of suggesting a new emergency ration to the post quartermaster.

### Understatement

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY—Sgt. West R. Lyon, leader of an M-10 destroyer crew, was bogged down at dusk in a soft gully near the front line. They stayed there in the dark while shells exploded around them. Every time anything moved in the bushes or farm houses nearby, the gunner, Pvt. James Keene, of Alabama, fired the three-inch gun. In the morning, when the crew got back to headquarters, Sergeant Lyon report: "We think possibly we knocked out a German self-propelled gun." That day, British infantrymen, who had been on guard nearby, reported that the sergeant and his crew had destroyed three German tanks, four self-propelled guns, and some enemy infantry.

### Won't Stop Tanks

WITH AMERICAN - CHINESE FORCES NEAR WALAWBUM, Burma—The Japs here tried a new stunt to stop American tanks. Tanks were working in through the jungle toward the Jap headquarters when they ran into a wall of flame. The Japs had sent fire to the elephant grass which grew heavily all around. But it didn't stop the tanks which kept up the battle all night. When daylight arrived the tank crews saw they had been fighting for a good deal of the time just outside a huge Jap camp. No Japs were in sight except the dead bodies lying around. The personal tank of Col. Rothwell Brown, Washington, D. C., had stopped only 15 feet from the Jap command post. American and Jap casualties were only a fraction of the Japanese, who lost at least 200.

### Fifty Feet of Reptile

ALONG THE LEDO ROAD, Burma—Sgt. James F. Todd, Birmingham, Mich., and Pvt. Edward J. Pfeiffer, Philadelphia, were supervising the construction of a hospital, and were surprised when they were approached by some of their jungle-wise Garo workmen with a request for permission to take a little time off to catch snakes. They had been clearing the underbrush from an area near the Ledo road, and had seen something. The American construction men watched with interest as one of the Garos approached a rocky crevice where fallen bamboo trees had made an impassable obstruction. The Garo thrust his arms shoulder deep into the opening and brought out a writhing python, foot by foot. The first reptile measured 14 feet long and 18 inches around. Four more followed till 50 feet of python were hauled out and given the coup de grace. The workmen knew that the pythons might come slithering round at night where they were sleeping, and didn't want the experience of having their ribs crushed in a reptile attack.

### Simulation Worked

ON THE CASSINO LINE—It was a lot harder and took a lot longer to work a party of captured Germans back across the battle front under fire than it did to capture them, according to members of a platoon of American GIs, who were working their way up the hill toward the famed Abbey, now destroyed by bombs. A scouting party noted two or three of the enemy in the mouth of a cave just off the hillside path, and saw that the Germans had seen them. The platoon had used all its grenades, but the platoon leader had a bright idea and went through all the motions of pulling the pin, as though he had one in his hands. The Germans, 17 of them, came out of the cave with their hands in the air and in three minutes were prisoners. It took 13 hours to get them back, through the cross fire, to headquarters.

### Surprise Backfired

NEW DELHI, India—Pfc. Aaron Weinstein opened a Christmas letter addressed to him and found five good American dollars sent by the Buffalo Housing Authority. That was okay. But it seemed a bit too much when a little later along came a letter from an unknown saying that "Junior" was well on the way and that his wife was doing fine. The surprised soldier thought back over all the farewell parties he had attended but couldn't remember any wife, nor any happenings that . . . Besides, he had been away too long. Two or three weeks later, when he was at the Red Cross, he was introduced to a Red Cross worker from Buffalo carrying the name Aaron Weinstein. "It wasn't so bad telling him about the bouncing baby to come," the first Weinstein said. "But when I had to fish out that five bucks it really hurt."

### Hunts Art—And Babies

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY—At the time the street fighting in Cassino was at its worst a young captain walked into the G-2 tent of the division CP with a request. He wanted permission to go into the town, since he had a special job to do. It turned out that the officer, Capt. Sidney Waugh, New York City, didn't belong to either an infantry, artillery, nor tank outfit. He is an AMG director of fine arts and monuments, and wanted to get into the town to see what valuable art pieces he could pick up to be protected for posterity. Captain Waugh has been doing that, going into towns with infantry units, all through Italy. On the side he was a liaison officer with the French, an official interpreter, and also a hunter-up of lost babies for lost mothers, and of lost mothers for lost babies.

### New Jerry Trick

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY—A new Jerry trick is being told by Maj. Ray J. Erickson, commander of an infantry battalion. This one makes the major cuss, but he hasn't yet found out what to do about it. "We will see two Germans with Red Crosses on their arms go into a cave to bring out wounded," the major says. "And when the litter comes out damned if eight Jerries, each with a Red Cross on his arm, aren't carrying it. Of course, when they wear those Red Crosses we can't fire on them. That's one way they get men out of a spot that has become too hot for them."

A SIGN at a Pacific outpost reads: "Washington—11,673 miles. Tokyo—4,231 miles. Nearest Jap—½ mile."



—Signal Corps Photo.

A LITTLE THING like a capsized ship doesn't stand in the way of the U. S. Army Engineers. Here, in Naples harbor, they have outwitted the Nazis and turned a deficit into an asset by transforming an overturned ship into a pier. Nazi demolition experts who sank numerous ships in the harbor of Naples like this one did not count on the ingenuity of the Engineers. The ship's superstructure, digging into the harbor bottom, steadies the hull. All five hatches of a Liberty ship can be unloaded at once alongside this improvised "pier."

## Stimson's Aides Doff Blues; Replaced by WACs in Khaki

WASHINGTON—The three best-dressed EMs of the war have doffed their colorful blue dress uniforms and are being replaced by WACs garbed prosaically in standard khaki.

The three men are Technical Sergeants Cecil Combs, Portland, Ore.; William R. Taylor, Wilson, N. C.; and Michael Altier, Easton, Pa. Until this week they were Secretary of War Stimson's enlisted aides and the only men in the Army privileged to wear dress blues in wartime.

WAC Privates Betty Cameron, Fort Collins, Colo., and Marie H. Santoli, Brooklyn, have taken over their jobs in Mr. Stimson's office at the Pentagon Building in Washington.

The move will make it possible for three additional enlisted men to be assigned to overseas duty, and is in keeping with the present policy of making available for overseas service all physically qualified men now in noncombatant positions by the employment of WACs, civilians and soldiers not subject to combat duty.

Two of the three men who had been on duty as the Secretary of War's enlisted aides, have been found qualified for overseas assignments. Sergeant Taylor will be assigned as chauffeur for the Secretary of War, replacing the former

driver, who has been found fit for overseas service.

Duties of the enlisted aides are varied and include escorting distinguished visitors to and from the Office of the Secretary of War.

The War Department recently announced that to effect the shift from the defensive to the offensive phase of the war, physically qualified enlisted men in all branches of the Army who had served more than 12 months at fixed stations or in overhead activities in the United States would be reassigned to units or mobile activities ultimately destined for overseas duty.

### Maj. Frank E. Rokusek 3rd AF Sp. Serv. Chief

MacDILL FIELD, Fla.—Newly appointed chief of Third Air Force special services is Maj. Frank E. Rokusek, special services officer here for the past 14 months.

An all-American guard on Walter Camp's 1925 team, Major Rokusek expanded MacDill's facilities and entertainment programs to the point where it became a "stay-at-home" base. Field-bound GI's had him to thank for the bandshell, new library and dayrooms, Service Club cooling units, and matinees at the base theatre.



"He claims his soldier's handbook tells how to do it with just a box of K Rations."

## NEW KINKS

### Jeeps Pull Artillery

A new "Magic Link" developed by Willys-Overland, maker of jeeps, operates to make that useful vehicle even more versatile. The new device links two jeeps together, back to front, as a single pulling unit to haul heavy artillery pieces. It is said that the two cars together have four times the pulling power of a single car and that they can haul an artillery piece weighing 4,000 pounds. Owing to the cars' small dimensions, heavy guns can be towed into positions which were previously inaccessible by reason of the bulk of the prime-movers. Also, when the jeeps are unhitched they can scoot about as reconnaissance vehicles or as ammunition carriers.

### New Laundering Idea

Curing equipment formerly used to bring Italian spaghetti to the proper crispness is now drying the reclaimed and refreshed clothing of American fighting men in Southern Italy. The use of an unoccupied spaghetti factory was obtained by the Quartermaster Corps and, when facilities for drying laundered clothing were inadequate, experiments were tried with the spaghetti drying machinery. With a little adaptation, it was found quite satisfactory.

### Electronic 'Mouth'

An electronic mouth for regulating the air supplied in high-altitude flight to four-engined bombers is now being produced by the Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company of Minneapolis, Minn. The "mouth" is said to have been tested in combat use since last fall and is claimed to make high-altitude flights safer. The regulator automatically adjusts the superchargers so that, with every change of altitude, the pressure of air delivered by the supercharger fans changes. The electronic device controls a gate which regulates the air-flow. The "mouth" is said to operate instantaneously and to have the usual electronic capacity of sensing changes before they are apparent to human senses.

### Cotton Thread Replaces Gut

Bright-colored cotton thread is being used successfully in place of catgut, sheepgut and silk thread as used previously, at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. to the wound incisions. White thread, according to Dr. F. R. Bradley, was difficult to see, and also difficult to get, so experiments were made with the colored thread. Other wartime innovations in the hospital include sterilizing and re-using rubber tubes, instead of destroying them, as was the former practice.

### Improves On The Camera

T/Sgt. Theodore W. Ryan II, a master gunner in the Coast Artillery of the Panama Canal Department, has invented a towing vessel splash recorder to take the place of a camera recording device to register points of impact of projectiles in practice firing. "Our stock of film was running low," Sergeant Ryan explained, "so I collected some scrap wood and a couple of pieces of brass for sights and rigged up a homemade deviation register." The new device is capable of accurate night operations and is superior to the camera, which could not be used at night. Its simpler operation and immediate computation allows a critique of the firing to be held within 10 minutes. When a camera was used the films had first to be developed to record results. The new device can be readily constructed from materials available anywhere and at small cost. The invention brought Sergeant Ryan the Legion of Merit.

### Mobile Lighting Unit

A mobile lighting unit, assembled from salvaged material at the motor vehicle garage of the Utah Army Service Forces Depot, is being used in open storage spaces and warehouses where lighting facilities are inadequate for night work. The unit was built on a salvaged half-ton truck chassis, upon which were mounted four floodlights of 200 watts each. The lights are adjustable to any angle. Although the structure is only 12 feet high the lights may be raised another 14 feet, to a height of 26 feet, if desired. Two men can move the unit for short distances, or it may be towed behind a truck or car. The only new material used in the unit was a 7.5 K.W. generator, able to produce 2,000 watts. Brig. Gen. Ralph Talbot, Jr., commanding general, has authorized the motor vehicle section to build more of the same type units for use at the depot.

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# Playwright Winners Announced by NTC

ARMY TIMES, APRIL 1, 1944

NEW YORK—Of all the branches of the Armed Services of the United States, the Army seems to be the most interested in the theater in a creative way, according to the final results of the playwrighting contest sponsored by the National Theater Conference which have just been disclosed with the announcement of the winners in all classifications except that of full-length plays. The competition in this latter category has been so keen that additional appraisal by the jury is necessary before the winners can be designated.

Out of a total of 423 playwrights and composers, submitting 559 contributions, the Army was represented by 406, the Navy by 12, the Marines by four and the Coast Guard by one. Twenty-seven of the contributors held commissions, while the remaining 381 were from the ranks. Nine were women. And 122, submitting 153 manuscripts, sent their entries from outside the continental United States.

## Volume Unexpected

It was the unexpected volume of these contributions from overseas posts, received at the last minute, that delayed the judging of the contest, which closed with entries postmarked last December 1. The final tally brought in 84 long plays, 214 one-act plays, 133 skits and black-out, 17 musical comedies, and 111 radio plays—a response 25 per cent larger than was indicated by the number of manuscripts actually in hand by the close of the contest.

Awards in the one-act play division brought a prize of \$50 each to: "The Double Weepers," by Pvt. Jack R. Guss, Camp Adair, Ore.; "Mail Call" by Lt. Ralph Nelson, Americus, Ga.; "Banked Curve," by T-4 Joseph H. Danneberg, overseas, and "Smitty Gets Back," by Cpl. Samuel D. Morford, Sheppard, Tex. Honorable mention was made of: "Cross Section," by Pfc. Titus Ringer; "The Grass Looks Greener," by Lt. (j. g.) David Nussbaum; "My House is Falling Around My Head," by Pvt. Richard Hagopian; "Ice," by Lt. Coman Leavenworth; "The White Clouds," by Lt. William Leech, and "The Insanity Of," by A/S Otho Levy.

Awards in the skits and black-outs division brought a prize of \$10 each to 27 MSS., the complete listing of which is: "Hi Ya," by Pvt. Sidney Porcelain; "A Soldier's Dream," by Sgt. E. W. Ruymen; "Bored of OCS," by Sgt. Ezra Stone and Cpl. Murray MacLean; "How To Get a Three-Day Pass," by Pvt. Leslie Weiner; "The Army Is Hell," by Sgt. Cecil Birnkrant; "A Ten-Minute Break," by Sgt. Fred Stewart; "Military Myth," by Pvt. William Elliott; "The Woes of Wanda," by Sgt. Maurice Manson; "Pipe My Operations," by Lt. Robert Schulman; "She Just Couldn't Say No' To a Soldier," by Pvt. S. X. Abaranel; "Blackout," by Pvt. Don M. Jordan; "Army Regulations," by Pvt. A. H. Kittell; "The Inspector General's Report," by Maj. Lewis Weinstein; "Among Friends," by Pvt. Jack Engel; "Standing Room," by Sgt. Milton Lewis; "Military Courtesy," by Sgt. Ezra Stone; "The Booby Trap," by Pvt. Eddie Cope; "Wreck Program," by Pvt. Bernard Kaslofsky; "My Charm Don't Harm," by Pvt. Conrad Saskowski; "Two On a Rather Over-Complicated Raft," by Pvt. O. Sheffler; "The Sergeant Sex" by Pvt. William Elliott; "Ladies' Day," by Cpl. Richard Pater; "I'll See You Again," by Cpl. Peter Turgeon; "You're a Hell of a Mess, Sergeant!" by Sgt. Bob S. McKnight; "Private Johnny Jeep—Hero," by Lt. Isaac W. Allen, and the "The Courtship of Sergeant Standish," by Pvt. Gabriel Levenson.

## Musicals

Awards in the musical comedy division brought a prize of \$100 to "Nips in the Bud," by Cpl. Gordon Collier, Albert Alcerino, Alvin Yudkoff, Gerald Stoner and Richard Malkin, members of the 3651st Service Unit, stationed at the University of Michigan. Honorable mention to "Fall Out for Love," by Cpl. Arthur Block, Camp Barkeley, Tex., and "Francis and Theodosia," by Lt. Isaac Wy Allen, Maxwell Field, Ala. In the half-hour radio play division, a prize of \$100 was awarded to "Main Street, Italy," by Sgt. Ben Brady, Fort Custer; a prize of \$50 to "Goodbye, Johnny Longfellow," by Pvt. Milton Roth, Kingman Field, Ariz. Honorable mention to "There in Ye Gods," by Cpl. Victor Komow; "Caesar," by Sgt. Bruce Stauderman; "Postscript for a Hero," by Sgt. Charles Mersich; "Twin Killers," by Pvt. Scott Farnsworth; "Until the Day," by Pvt. Beatrice Schwartz, and "Hautboys Without," by Sig. 3/3 Jessie Beers.

In the one to seven minute radio "spot" division, a prize of \$25 each

was awarded to "The Happy, Happy Bennetts," by Sgt. Walter Newman, Walla Walla Air Base; "The American Soldier," by Cpl. James Baccus, Las Vegas Field, Nev.; "They Watch by Moonlight," by Pvt. Elmore Andre, Camp Cooke, Calif., and "America's Answer," by Cpl. Lawrence Marcus, Stockton Field, Calif.

Serving on the jury for the National Theater Conference were: Maxwell Anderson, Warner Bentley, Herschel Bricker, Merrill Denison, Edwin Duerr, Walter Pritchard Eaton, Rosamond Gilder, Paul Green, Mary Virginia Heinlein, Rupel Jones, Emmet Lavery, Frederic McConnell, Ronald Mitchell, Ted Robinson, John Rosenfield, Kenneth Rowe, George Savage, S. Stephenson Smith and continuity and program heads of Cleveland radio stations WJW, WGAR, WTAM and WHK.

## Long Plays Undecided

The task remains to them to award one prize of \$100 and two of \$50 each in the long play division, the field of which has been narrowed down to the following manuscripts: "Adolescent Angel," by Pvt. Irvin H. Wilsker; "Angels Weep," by Lt. Ralph Nelson; "For the Boys," by Pvt. E. L. Matson; "Milk for the Hottentots," by Lt. Samuel Sandmel, USNR; "Tears of Laughter," by Pvt. Russell Graves, and "Wana-Mara," by S/Sgt. Emmett O'Byrne.

In addition, 25 scholarships and fellowships have been made available by 18 theater institutions to the most "promising" talent evidenced in the contest. The recommendations of the judges, together with other pertinent information concerning candidates, will be weighed by a committee appointed by the National Theater Conference before disposal of these awards is announced.

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BEALE'S THEATER GUILD  
Patients come first.

## 'Sad Sack Theater Guild' Promotes Shows at Camp Beale

CAMP BEALE, Calif.—The "Sad Sack Theater Guild," started only a few weeks ago by Cpl. Martin Weiner of the Special Service Office, has become one of the most popular entertainment features of the post, and has grown until now it is a local combination of the New York Theater Guild and the Provincetown Players.

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licity, for presentation at stations and outposts never visited by the Hollywood glamor girls or the USO extravaganzas.

## Every Outfit Supported

Every outfit on the post interested in putting on a show of its own, and using its own talent, gets the wholehearted support of the SSTG. For instance, a variety show put on by the convalescent patients of the station hospital is touring the various wards. This show had only three one-hour rehearsals before its opening but it is making a hit everywhere. It contains a variety of stuff, from whip-cracking and juggling to belly-laugh blackout and serious drama.

The SSTG scenery, constructed from salvage material, and painted by a local girl, is made in such a way that it can be used in recreation halls, mess halls, stages and floor space of any size. The actors range from former professional entertainers to the greenest of amateurs.

Using this sort of talent and material from many sources some lifted from proven GI shows such as "The Army Play by Play," the Guild is turning out units that would do credit to some of the best professional circuits.

In some cases casts are recruited from the audience itself through a comic form of talent questionnaire passed out at the beginning of the performance and filled out during the show by interested GI's. The forms are taken up as the men leave the hall. Then the information is noted and catalogued and sometime later the applicant is called in for an audition.

JAPANESE ARMY officials are shortly to get a new alcoholic beverage, "nansel wine," made from nippa fruit which grows in Northern Borneo. The new wine is said to have an alcoholic content of 35 per cent.



"THIS one, Doc, is for the typhoid shot, and THIS one is for the smallpox vaccination, and THIS one . . ."

## Sergeant Serves Whipped Cream Right at Front

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY—Men of a 36th "Texas" Division infantry unit are being served whipped cream with their dessert, prepared by S/Sgt. Wilford H. Newton, Carlbad, N. M.

Sergeant Newton, "Old Folks" the men call him, claims to have the best kitchen in the 36th Division. A former pastry cook and cafe operator in civilian life, Newton surprises his men with new dishes. If the Army rations are not complete for what he wants to serve, he digs into his pocket and buys the few extras that makes chow tasty.

Recently, while visiting with a buddy in another outfit, the topic of whipped cream was brought up. "Old Folks" returned to his company with an idea up his sleeve. Filling a large pot with canned milk, he brought it to a boil and then set it outside overnight to cool.

Next morning he looked into the pot and there was whipped cream. "The men are still talking about that first day I served it with their cake," said "Old Folks." "They actually came back for seconds and thirds—it was the first whipped cream they had since coming overseas. Now I serve it three or four times a week."

His recipe for making whipped cream is so simple that he passed it on to all other mess sergeants in the 36th and, today, many men in the Division get to taste the delicacy with their meals at the front.

## Blanding Soldiers Win Bulk of Prizes At Florida Art Show

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Soldier artists of Camp Blanding virtually made a clean sweep of the prizes offered in the annual all-soldier art show held last week by the Society of the Four Arts at Palm Beach, Fla.

First and second prize in oil painting; first, second and third prize in water color; first in pastel and second in sculpture was the record chalked up by the brush and chisel devotees of Camp Blanding. News of the prize winners was received by Mrs. Emma Chalker, director of Service Club No. 1 and sponsor of "The Attic," an art group with headquarters at the Service Club.

The prize winners were as follows: 1st prize, water color "Coal Smoke," Cpl. Nels Nelson, Center Headquarters Co. Infantry Replacements Training Center. \$30; 2nd prize water color, "By the Lake," Sgt. Paul Peters, 69th Regiment, IRTC, \$25; 3rd prize water color, "Rifle Range," Pvt. Don Mundt, 66th Regiment, IRTC, \$20.

First prize, pastels, "G. I. Stove," Pvt. Eugene Powell, 70th Regiment, IRTC, \$15; second prize, Sculpture, "Spirit of the Infantry," Pvt. Peter Fristen, 61st Regiment, IRTC.

Two members of The Attic, now on other assignments but formerly soldiers of this post submitted paintings to the exhibit through their Attic membership. First prize oil painting, "Madonna" went to Pvt. Paul Wolton, now at Camp Richie Md., \$50; second prize in oil went to Pvt. Ulfrid Wilke for "Vultures Embraced by the Wind," \$30. Pvt. Wilke is now at the Special Service School at Washington and Lee University.

## American Bowlers Raise Fund to Buy Sports Equipment for Overseas

WASHINGTON—Soon more than half a million men in the armed forces overseas will receive sports and recreational kits, the gift of American bowlers, Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security administrator, has announced.

Arville Ebersole, chairman of the National Bowling Council and secretary of the National Duckpin Bowling Congress, presented Mr. McNutt with a check for \$50,000 as part of the \$105,000 raised by the Bowlers' Victory Legion to purchase these gifts. Charles Vance, field representative of the BVL, shared in the presentation with Mr. Ebersole.

Mr. McNutt said he could think of no better use to which this money could be put than to buy these sports and recreational items for our fighting men. He told Mr. Ebersole and Mr. Vance that he had nothing but praise for the American bowlers for their interest and contribution to the military forces.

Others at the ceremonies when the check was presented were Watson B. Miller, assistant Federal Security administrator; Col. Donald D. Duncanson of the special services branch, who assisted the BVL in raising these funds, and George R. Holstrom, chief of field operations of the National Committee on Physical Fitness.

# Battle Casualties High Among Army Chaplains

WASHINGTON—Battle casualties among Army chaplains have been exceeded on a comparative basis by losses among officers in only two other branches of the service, the Air Forces and the Infantry, the War Department announced this week.

The comparison of battle casualties was based on officer casualties in the other branches since the Chaplain Corps is composed of officers only.

## 19 Killed

Nineteen chaplains were killed in battle through 1943; 19 were wounded; one was missing in action; and 33 were prisoners of war. Thirty-one had died as a result of accidents or illness.

As of Dec. 31, 1943, the report also

## Pst! Herman! That's Nothing But a Camera

WASHINGTON—The War Department this week disillusioned the German troops who poured heavy but ineffectual fire into what they supposed was the position of an American "secret weapon" during the battle of the Volturno River in Italy, and which actually was a Signal Corps photographic team's camera.

The story is that of Maj. Herbert A. T. Freeland, of Hollywood, Signal Corps photographer. It was founded on the desire of a sergeant of the photographic team to mount his largest camera above a series of trees and rocks which obscured the normal field of vision.

He had mounted the camera on a towering tripod when, almost simultaneously, American artillery opened a barrage on enemy position with deadly accuracy. The sergeant obtained some excellent "shots," and the unit was mounting a second camera when the enemy retaliated with an artillery barrage—directed against the photographers' position.

The explanation for the sustained shelling came from German prisoners. They had sighted the camera, and concluded that the accurate fire was being directed by this "secret weapon."

## Army Stepping Up Draft of Japanese

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Loyal Americans of Japanese descent are now being inducted into the Army in some numbers Selective Service authorities announced recently. Several Japanese-American units, such as the 100th Infantry Battalion in Italy and the 442nd Combat Team at Camp Shelby, Miss., have excellent records and been commended by officials.

Previously taken into the Army only on a volunteer basis, Japanese-Americans are now subject to the general provisions of the draft. Women of Japanese descent are being given opportunity to enroll in limited numbers in the WAC.

## Heads Medical Training

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—Col. Floyd L. Wergeland, executive officer of the MRTC since December, 1942, has been named director of the Training Division, Surgeon General's Office, and has left Camp Barkeley for Washington, D. C., to assume his new duties.

disclosed, 85 chaplains received a total of 90 decorations, some of the officers having received more than one award. They won three Distinguished Service Crosses, three Croix de Guerre; 26 Silver Stars, 15 medals of the Legion of Merit, 39 Purple Hearts and four Soldiers Medals.

At the end of last year 6,998 chaplains were on active duty in the Army, 4,255 in the continental United States and 2,743 overseas.

During 1943 the Office of the Chief of Chaplains had 1,234,825 portions of Scriptures printed for distribution to Army personnel, bringing the total published through the end of the year to 5,888,025. These selections were the King James Version of the New Testament for Protestants, the Douay Version of the New Testament for Catholics and Selected Psalms and readings from the Old Testament for Jews. By arrangement with the Chief of Transportation, all life boats at ports of embarkation were supplied with one copy each of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish Testaments. Religious booklets also were supplied for life rafts for emergency use by air crews.

## Activities Listed

Activities by the Office of the Chief of Chaplains for aiding chaplains in the field included: Presentation of more than 9,000 certificates of award to churches for giving the services of their pastors to the Army; publication of a "Hymns from Home" folder, 1,000,000 copies of which were inserted in emergency ration kits; publication of booklets containing marriage and baptismal certificates; preparation of band arrangements of suitable hymns for distribution to Army bands; revision of the official chaplain's training manual; and the making of a training film, "For God and Country," dramatizing the work of the chaplain for instruction of other service personnel in the place and duties of the chaplain in the Army.

The Office of the Chief of Chaplains in a statistical analysis found that for each month in 1943 each chaplain, on an average, conducted or supervised 19.4 religious services with a total attendance of 1,160. He had 12.4 sacramental occasions with 151 participants. He made 14.1 visits to hospitals and guard-houses, visiting 253 patients or inmates. He had 4.1 "functional occasions" in civilian communities such as preaching in civilian churches, calls on civilian pastors, visits to USO rooms and appearances at meetings of civic and fraternal organizations reaching 323 individuals, 118.6 "functional occasions" in ministering to his men such as personal counsel, welfare problems, talks with men in day rooms and service clubs, involving 998 personal contacts.

## Attendance Varies

The percentage of monthly attendance at church services as compared with Army strength varied from 72.9 per cent in February to 127.1 per cent in December. The average per month attendance for the entire year was 97.5 per cent of Army strength. The figure should not be interpreted to mean that 97.5 per cent of Army personnel went to church each month, though it does have that meaning in the aggregate, as some men went to church several times during a month.

Tabulation of reports—with some still missing due to losses in transmission and other reasons—shows that there were 1,350,991 religious services conducted for Army personnel during the calendar year 1943. Attendance totalled 80,798,577.

## Reconditioning Progress Praised By Med. Officers

CLINTON, Iowa—Success of the Army's program for reconditioning sick and wounded soldiers will probably influence the medical profession, who will adapt it in some form to private practice in civilian life, was asserted by Brig. Gen. Charles D. Hillman, chief of professional service of the Army Medical Department at a conference of Army officers seeking to speed recovery of hospitalized soldiers. The sessions were held at the Schick General hospital here.

General Hillman was supported by Col. Augustus Thorndike, director of the Army's reconditioning division, who noted that the program was working out in this way: More sick and injured soldiers can be restored to active duty than previously. These men can be returned at an earlier date and with a smaller average number of days of hospitalization. They will be much better able to carry on when they go back to duty.

It was disclosed at the conference that a new system has been adopted for reassigning soldiers discharged from hospitals, designed to obviate sending them to climates or duties unsuited to their physical condition.

Camp Orde, near Beltsville, Md., where about 150 soldiers are being given the Army's new reconditioning program, was praised as an ideal example of what separate housing away from hospital atmosphere can do to bring ill and wounded men back to fit condition.

## Air War Over Reich Planned Long Ago

LONDON—The thousand-bomber flights zooming into the sky and heading for Germany from a base "somewhere in England" is not the work of one briefing—but of many days, many months, even years, of planning.

This plan—to destroy Germany's power to resist by smashing its industry and materiel before the Allied ground forces moved in for the kill—was perfected long ago by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, and Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz.

They mapped out the following steps to be taken—not only before vast fleets of planes could attack Germany, but before the ground forces could go into the country:

1. Smashing the German industries which produce the submarines which harried Allied convoys.

2. Smashing German aircraft industries, thus preventing normal replacements from reaching the Luftwaffe.

3. Destroying the German air force in the air and on the ground.

## Sweaters for GIs Why Not Generals?

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Officers have a pretty tough time of it reasoned Mrs. Samuel Hepburn of this city, and generals must really be in a tough spot—no USO's, no comfort kits, nothing but a lot of heavy brass. Thinking it over still further, she decided that someone really should keep up his morale by knitting a sweater for General Eisenhower, so she broached the subject to his wife.

An answer came from the general himself, "I would, indeed, be honored to have one of your sweaters and would in addition find it a most convenient thing to have. I think size 40 would be about right."

## Montgomery Says Bombing of Reich Start of Invasion

ABOARD GENERAL MONTGOMERY'S HEADQUARTERS TRAIN—One man who is entirely satisfied with the Allied bombing of the Reich is General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery. This attack, with which he says the Second Front has already begun, he describes as "terrific, terrific" and adds "When the Germans have been sufficiently stunned we will move in."

Asked how much bombing of the Reich will affect the troops in western Europe, the British general explained that "bombing affects the ability of a nation to go to war."

He drew a comparison between the current aerial attack on Germany and that which preceded the fall of Sicily and the capitulation of Italy saying, "We finished Tunisia in mid-May, then we began bombing Sicily. When we thought they were softened I invaded Sicily, with the Americans on my left. Then we bombed Italy. When everything was ready we invaded Italy and knocked her out of the war."

"Now we are bombing Germany—and how we are bombing Germany."



**THE NEW HOSPITAL train, "Mercy Special No. 2,"** built by the American Railway Service from Italian and German cars, loads up with wounded at the collecting point, Riardo, Italy. These men, first casualties to be evacuated by this train making its first run, will be taken back to rear area hospitals.

—Signal Corps Photo.

## Nazis Turn Our Shelling To Their Own Advantage

WASHINGTON—German cleverness in turning thick-walled destroyed buildings to their own advantage is one reason for the difficulty of the Italian campaign, according to an Army observer who returned recently from Italy.

Maj. Allan G. Crist, of Harrisburg, Pa., the observer, said that Allied bombardment and shelling of the thick stone Italian buildings make debris for the enemy to use as strongpoints, and block the path of our armored units.

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the abbey, were moved back 1,000 yards. This was done to safeguard our men while the bombing and shelling was under way.

He described another trick of the Germans is to use a crude wooden box mine buried at different depths.

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# British Schools Offer Yanks On Leave Lecture Courses

HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS—Ten new lecture courses in eight British colleges and universities and three courses in three British public schools have been opened to American military personnel in England on leave or on furlough. Lecture courses, part of an extensive educational program begun last summer through the cooperation of British educational authorities and the United States Army Special Service Division in Great Britain, have been open for some time at British universities and colleges, but this is the first time such opportunities have been offered at English boys' schools.

## No Women At Eton

Eton, Christ's Hospital and Charterhouse are sponsoring five-day lecture courses on political and social problems. Since these schools have no facilities for billeting women, the lectures will be available only to male members of the armed forces.

Five-day lecture courses offered at collegiate institutions are as follows: University of Edinburgh, administrative law; Royal Veterinary College, veterinary science; University of Birmingham, physical education and general course; University of Liverpool, domestic, municipal and ecclesiastical architecture; University of Bristol, British Government history and practice and history and description of British architecture; University College, Exeter, English literature and drama; University College, Southampton, civil, electrical architecture; University of Bristol, British Government history and practice and history and description of British architecture; University College, Exeter, English literature and drama; University College, Southampton, civil, electrical, aeronautical and marine engineering; Oxford University, general course in British culture. The latter course is offered each week, Monday through Saturday.

The courses at the University of Edinburgh and the Royal Veterinary College, and the course in physical education at the University of Birmingham are open only to men. The other programs are for both men and women of the armed forces.

## No Time Off

Applicants, who must possess the necessary educational or practical background for the individual course, are not given time off duty but must use leave or furlough normally due to attend classes.

Fees at the public schools, which

## Exhibit Features Crafts of GI's Gobs

PHILADELPHIA—Weaving, rug hooking, woodcarving—all sorts of craft articles whose creation brought back muscular control to servicemen will be the objects of a six-week exhibition at the Art Alliance here, starting April 17.

This will be the first large exhibition of the combined work of Army, Navy and Air Force patients, and also the first exhibition of "Cure Through Work" ever staged in Philadelphia.

The decorator's gallery will be made into a living room and furnished with curtains, upholstery, carved chairs, game tables, modern chest table, rugs, bookends, ash trays, lamps and wall paintings made by therapy patients. Another gallery will house a model therapy shop, with both finished and unfinished handicraft on view, and visitors will be permitted to try their hand at weaving, block printing, sketching, cord knotting, rug hooking and woodcarving. Regular demonstrations will be given by patients.

## Butner to Have Easter Service at Sunrise

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—A mass Easter service for all personnel at Camp Butner will be conducted Easter morning at 6:30 a.m. outdoors under the direction of camp chaplain Lars G. Pedersen.

Church call will be sounded at sunrise and followed by the ceremony of massing of the colors. The altar will consist of a huge cross banked by lilies and spring flowers arranged by WAC Pvt. Jean Burlington. Sgt. Harold B. Rygg will be the organist for the service, and the 33rd Division choir will sing under the direction of Lt. Charles Harris.

**What a Thing to Say!**  
CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—A soldier on the march felt something in his shoe. His toe became painful and he was limping badly by the time he returned to camp. He took off his shoe and sock to bathe his blistered foot and found a pellet of paper lodged in the toe of the sock, on which was written: "God bless the soldier who wears these socks."

## Details of M-8 Armored Car Told by Army

CHICAGO—The public this week was told about the Army's fast new M-8 armored car, a closely-kept secret which proved effective in the Sicilian and Italian campaigns. Armed with a 37-mm. gun which will stop all but the largest enemy tanks, it is built by Ford in its Chicago and St. Paul plants.

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# ARMY HIT KIT

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## (1) When Irish Eyes Are Smiling

When Irish eyes are smiling,  
Sure it's like morn in spring  
In the list of Irish laughter,  
You can hear the angels sing.  
When Irish hearts are happy,  
All the world seems bright and gay,  
And when Irish eyes are smiling,  
Sure they steal your heart away.  
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## (2) I couldn't Sleep a Wink Last Night

I couldn't sleep a wink last night because we had that silly fight;  
I thought my heart would break, the whole night through,  
I knew that you'd be sorry, and I'm sorry too.  
I didn't have my fav'rite dream, The one in which I hold you tight;  
I had to call you up this morning, To see if ev'rything was still all right,  
Yes, I had to call you up this morning,  
Cause I couldn't sleep a wink last night.  
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## (3) Strip Polka

There's a burlesque theatre where the gang loves to go,  
To see Queenie the cutie of the burlesque show.  
And the thrill of the evening is when out Queenie skips,  
And the band plays the Polka while she strips!  
"Take it off," "Take it off," cries a voice from the rear,  
"Take it off," "Take it off," soon it's all you can hear,  
But she's always a lady even in pantomime,  
So she stops! And always just in time.

2ND CHORUS  
He's as fresh and as wholesome as the flowers in May,  
And she hopes to retire to the farm some day,  
But you can't buy a farm until you're up in the chips,  
So the band plays the polka while the strips!  
"Take it off," "Take it off" all the customers shout,  
Down in front, "Down in front," while the band beats it out,  
But she's always a lady even in pantomime,  
So she stops! And always just in time.

INTERLUDE:  
Queenie, queen of them all, Queenie some day you'll fall,  
Some day church bells will chime,  
In Strip Polka time.

3RD CHORUS  
Oh! she hates corny waltzes and she hates the gavotte,  
And there's one big advantage if the music's hot,  
It's a fast moving exit just in case something r-r-rips,  
So the band plays the polka while she strips!  
Drop around, take it in, it's the best in the west,  
"Take it off," "Take it off," you can yell like the rest.  
Take her out when it's over,  
She's a peach when she's dressed,  
But she stops! And always in time.

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## (4) Mexicali Rose

Mexicali Rose, stop crying;  
I'll come back to you some sunny day.  
Every night you'll know that I'll be pining,  
Every hour a year while I'm away.  
By those big brown eyes and smile, dear,  
Banish all those tears and please don't sigh.  
Kiss me once again and hold me;  
Mexicali Rose, goodbye.  
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## (5) Mairzy Doats

Mairzy doats and dozy doats and liddle lamzy divey,  
A kiddley divey too, wouldn't you? Yes!  
Mairzy doats and dozy doats and liddle lamzy divey,  
A kiddley divey too, wouldn't you? The words sound queer, and funny to your ear,  
A little bit jumbled and jivey,  
Mares eat oats and does eat oats and little lambs eat ivy. Oh!

Mairzy doats and dozy doats and liddle lamzy divey,  
A kiddley divey too, wouldn't you? A kiddley divey too, wouldn't you?  
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## (6) Shoo Shoo Baby

Shoo shoo, shoo baby, Shoo shoo, shoo baby,  
Bye, bye, bye baby;  
Your papa's off to the seven seas;  
Don't cry baby, Don't sigh baby,  
Bye, bye, bye baby;  
When I come back we'll live a life of ease.  
Seems kind of tough now, To say goodby this way,  
But pap's gotta be rough now,  
So that he can be sweet to you another day.  
Bye, bye, bye baby, Don't cry, baby,  
Shoo shoo, shoo baby,  
Your papa's off to the seven seas.  
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## (7) Some of These Days

Some of these days you'll miss me, honey.  
Some of these days, you'll feel so lonely;  
You'll miss my hugging, you'll miss my kissing,  
You'll miss me, honey, when you're away.  
I feel so lonely just for you only,  
For you know, honey, you've had your way,  
And when you leave me, you know 'twill grieve me;  
I'll miss my little dad-dad daddy,  
Yes, some of these days.  
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## (8) The Band Played On

Casey would waltz with a strawberry blonde,  
And the band played on;  
He'd glide 'cross the floor with the girl he adored,  
And the band played on;  
But his brain was so loaded it nearly exploded,  
The poor girl would shake with alarm,  
He'd ne'er leave the girl with the strawberry curls,  
And the band played on.

### GI VERSION

The bugler displayed all his skill as he played.  
But the men slept on;  
He woke up at six and did tricks with his licks,  
But the men slept on;  
Oh, he played until Taps till each lung had collapsed,  
His breathing was practicly gone;  
He huffed and he huffed, but his bugle was stuffed,  
So the men slept on.

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## Five O'Clock Shadow And the Oxygen Leaks

LONDON—If Sherlock Holmes were walking down Baker Street in London today, he could say:

"See that man? He's an American bomber pilot and he's just been flying a high-altitude mission over the Continent."

And Dr. Watson, properly mystified, would reply that of course the uniform and insignia showed the flier to be an American pilot but how did Holmes know? "Elementary, my dear Watson. He was so clean-shaven. The American bomber crews have discovered that a heavy stubble of beard can cause a 5 per cent leakage around the edge of an oxygen mask. They're getting pretty fussy about their shaves."

## Counterfeit Ration Cards Cause Trouble in Reich

LONDON—The Germans have complained that British Mosquitoes have dropped counterfeit ration cards at various points in the Reich during nuisance raids.

Evidently the German population made good use of the cards since warnings against them, and penalties for their use, have appeared in the German press.

The failure of the potato crop has made the food situation in the Reich uncomfortably tight, it is reported, so that counterfeit ration cards have almost as deep an economic effect as bombs.



ARMY'S OLDEST JEEP  
Gen. Rowe, left and Col. Briscoe.

## Army's Oldest Jeep Given To Smithsonian

JEFFERSONVILLE QM DEPOT, Ind.—The Army's oldest active jeep, "Gramps," was turned over to the Smithsonian Institution last week by Brig. Gen. Guy I. Rowe as one of his first official acts in assuming command of the depot.

In passing the keys of the sturdy, one-quarter-ton reconnaissance truck to Col. N. B. Briscoe, Post Commander at Fort Knox, for shipment to Washington, Col. Rowe relinquished the depot's title to one of the earliest jeeps to roll off the assembly line of the American Bantam Motor Company in 1940. "Gramps," though still in the full vigor of manhood, is being made available to the Smithsonian Institution because of its early vintage.

## These Two Really Stick Together

WASHINGTON—Two American tank officers, wounded and captured in the same battle at Faïd Pass, Tunisia, prisoners of the Germans for a year, came home together on the exchange ship Gripsholm and together are receiving treatment at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C.

The officers are 1st Lt. James J. Segars of Monroe, Ga., and 2nd Lt. Marshall R. Davenport of Somerset, Ky.

Lieutenant Segars lost his right arm when his tank was wrecked during the Faïd Pass battle on February 14, 1943. Lieutenant Davenport was trapped inside the wreckage of his burning tank, which had received a direct hit by an armor-piercing 88-mm. shell, when an explosion blew him out through the turret onto the ground. He suffered burns and the loss of his left foot.

Both men were in the same company of the same regiment of the 1st Armored Division. They both received the Purple Heart.

## Wacs to Go to Hawaii; Will Replace GI's At Hickam Field

WASHINGTON—Newest world for the WAC to conquer is Hawaii. "A considerable number" of khaki-clad girls, whose sisters are already serving in the North African and European theatres of operations, will soon be stationed at Hickam Field, WAC Maj. Geraldine May announced after a recent inspection tour to Hawaii.

WACs going to Hickam Field will take over routine GI jobs, ranging from control-tower operation to truck driving. Major May arranged for their housing, food and recreation while she was there.

One special and very desirable privilege of these WACs will be that of having an Army truck at their disposal for transportation to a private beach in off-duty hours. Because there is such keen competition among WACs for overseas service, only those carefully chosen on the basis of "loyal and faithful service" will be included in the shipment to Hawaii.

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## Vets to Utilize Fort Meade, S. D.

WASHINGTON—The facilities of Fort Meade, S. Dak., will be transferred to the Veterans Administration on or before April 15 for use by the agency in treating sick and wounded veterans, the War Department announced this week. It is the first of several anticipated transfers by the Army of installations which at present are not needed for training because of troop movements overseas. Fort Meade was placed on a "standby" basis several months ago.

Decision to permit the use of such Army camps by the veterans' agency was reached several weeks ago at a meeting between Lt. Gen. Breton Somervell, commanding general, Army Service Forces; Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, chief of the Veterans Administration, and Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, Army Surgeon General. The Veterans Administration has been handicapped by lack of facilities in carrying out its rehabilitation program.

Fort Meade, an old Regular Army cavalry installation, can accommodate 2,031 men. A caretaking detachment of approximately 150 personnel is stationed there presently, but all War Department personnel will be transferred upon assumption of responsibility by the Veterans Administration.

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## Rags-To-Riches Teams Wins National Titles

WASHINGTON — Two Cinderella teams, Utah and St. John's, will be waiting for the clock to strike twelve when they meet for the national collegiate crown in a Red Cross benefit game.

As a fitting climax to a year of upsets St. John's, with a so-so season record, beat Bowling Green of Ohio, 44-40, upset Kentucky, 48-45, and then downed favored DePaul, 47 to 39, to win the national invitational tournament in Madison Square Garden.

St. John's rags-to-riches story fades when compared to the one-handed shooting team from Utah. Utah lost to Kentucky in the opening round of the national invitational and then in a surprise move was named to play in the western National Collegiate A. A. tourney.

The young Utes got by Missouri in the first round game and then defeated favored Iowa State, 40-31, to win the right to meet Dartmouth and Kenneth Jastrow was voted the most promising young player of the tourney.

The powerful Dartmouth Green had won the eastern division NCCA title by trouncing out-classed Catholic U., 63-38, in the opening round and then beat the Big Ten champions, Ohio State, 60-53, in the finals.

Utah was on the long end of the betting fraternity's figures when it met the eastern titlists. Playing fast, heads-up ball the Utes won in an overtime period, 42 to 40.

Despite the sensational play of the two Cinderella clubs if you are a member of the "A" beats "B" and "B" beats "C", therefore "A" can beat "C" club then Phillips "66" of Bartlesville, Okla., winner of the national AAU tournament in Denver, is the top basketball team in America.

Phillips "66" beat Denver Ambrose Legion for the title, 50-43. The Denver club beat Fort Warren, 52-35, in the semi-finals, while in a regular season game the Fort Warren five had downed the Utah club.

### Golden Gloves Give an Idea Of Post-War Boxing

NEW YORK — Predictions that post-war prize fighting will make the "Golden 20's" look like they were nickel-plated received a substantial boost when Golden Gloves slugged it out for the national crown.

The majority of contestants were from the armed forces. Tossing discretion to the winds the fighting GI's put on a show which made most war staged pro fight cards look like the "amateurs".

Although fighting under the colors of Chicago and New York there were many Army installations represented in the finals—Camp Ellis, Camp Mackall, Camp Stewart, Rome Air Base, and Camp Callan, with the unofficial Army championship going to Camp Ellis with four men in the finals.

**SUMMARIES:**  
12-Pound (Alternate) — Francisco Colón, Puerto Rico (New York team), out-pointed Pvt. Matt Hammond of Minneapolis and Camp Ellis, Ill. (Chicago team).

12-Pound (Championship) — Cecil Schoonmaker, Harlem (New York), out-pointed Tommy Nata of South Bend, Ind. (Chicago).

18-Pound (Alternate) — Henry Sumi, Chicago, out-pointed Sam Chernoff, New York.

18-Pound (Championship) — Clayton Johnson, Sioux City, Iowa (Chicago), out-pointed John Rosato of Philadelphia and Camp Mackall, N. C. (New York).

160-Pound (Alternate) — Navy Baker Roland Taylor of Des Moines, Iowa (New York), out-pointed Ray Spurlock, Sedan, Kans. (Chicago).

160-Pound (Championship) — Corp. Dick Young of Pensacola, Fla. (Chicago), out-pointed Hy Bronstein, Bronx (New York).

128-Pound (Alternate) — Sergt. Manny Ortega of El Paso, Tex. (Chicago), out-pointed Pvt. Thomas Baker of Albany, N. Y., and Camp Stewart (New York).

126-Pound (Championship) — Major Jones, Kansas City (Chicago), out-pointed Frank Ferone, Inwood, Long Island (New York).

147-Pound (Alternate) — Wendell Wilson of Harlem (New York) defeated Harry Sparrow, Coast Guard (Chicago); referee stopped bout, 1:31 of third round.

147-Pound (Championship) — Pvt. Johnny Wilson of Brooklyn and Rome Army Air Base (New York) out-pointed Corp. Levi Southall of Kansas City and Camp Ellis (Chicago).

135-Pound (Alternate) — Sergt. Gene Joyce of Gary, Ind., and Camp Ellis (Chicago) out-pointed Garret Nagel of Amityville, N. Y. (New York).

135-Pound (Championship) — Buddy Holderfield of Scott, Ark. (Chicago) out-pointed Max Grothe of Kewanee, Ill., and U. S. Navy (New York).

175-Pound (Alternate) — Roland La Starza, Bronx (New York) out-pointed Pvt. Vince di Venti of Baltimore and Camp Ellis (Chicago).

175-Pound (Championship) — Ray Standifer of Cleveland and Kansas City (Chicago) out-pointed Boatswain's Mate Herb Kroeten of Minneapolis (New York).

Heavyweight (Alternate) — Roscoe Howard, Coast Guard, seaman second class, of Mount Pleasant, Tenn. (New York), out-pointed Luke Baylark, Chicago (Chicago).

Heavyweight (Championship) — Pvt. Ragon Kinney of Little Rock, Ark., and Camp Callan, Calif. (Chicago), out-pointed Jerry Jackson of the Bronx (New York).

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — With most of the nation's leading swimming coaches watching in amazement, Alan Ford, Yale's sensational water wizard, showed them what a 49.7 100-yard freestyle looked like.

Matt Mann of Michigan, Mike

In the play for the third and fourth place in the AAU, the Colorado Springs All-Stars, who had been beaten by Phillips in the semi-finals, 72-48, came back to beat the Fort Warren club, 59-52.

Meeting in the finals is old stuff for the two old, experienced fives. The Phillips team has been like "Old Man River" and just keeps rolling along to basketball titles.

Although Fort Warren had to settle for fourth place in the tournament, the QM team settled an argument when it beat Buckley Field, 45-40, in an early round. Through-out the season Rocky Mountain basketball fans had argued the merits of the two teams.

Fort Warren was also around when player honors were handed out. 1st/Sgt. Jules Rivlin was named on the All-American team and Kenneth Jastrow was voted the most promising young player of the tourney.

Other All-American honors went to Bob Gruenig and Charles Hyatt, Legion, Jimmy McNatt, Phillips, and Gale Bishop, Firecrest. It was the second straight All-American year for Gruenig and McNatt.

### Bosox and A's Have Eyes On AL Pennant

WASHINGTON — If any baseball fans are laboring under the impression that 1944 war time baseball pennant races won't be a bit topsy-turvy it may be well for them to note that Connie Mack and Joe Cronin are already eyeing the American League bunting.

Connie Mack, whose Athletics finished in the cellar last year with the dubious record of losing 101 games, served notice on the rest of the league by announcing penneyante poker games, little drinking and lots of training, because "the men think the team has a good chance."

Joe Cronin's club beat the Athletics in the pennant scramble. Big Joe, whose pinch-hitting bat beat a merry tune last season, is all set to lead his team into the bunting chase.

Other club owners are not so optimistic. The Cincinnati Reds whose grace has long been a sound pitching staff, are singing the blue notes when hurlers are mentioned.

If the 1943 World Series opponents were to meet tomorrow the hawks would have a field day with their cries, "Yah need a program to tell the playahs!" The St. Louis Cardinals still bear a slight resemblance to their World Series selves but the Yanks are but a mere shadow of the championship club.

The player shortage confronted by most club owners and managers was emphasized this week when Clark Griffith had to send clutch-hitting Gene Moore to the St. Louis Browns to complete the Rick Farrell deal. It hurt the "Old Fox's" heart to part with hard-hitting Gene but St. Louis had to have an outfielder and Griffith had to have a catcher.

Yet despite the strange names on ball club rosters, the uncertainty all clubs are experiencing, the owners have joined in a refrain, emphasizing the fact that baseball will continue in spite of hell, high water and the draft boards.

### Alan Ford Swims 100-Yard Free Style in 49.7

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PEPPER, of Ohio State, among others rubbed their eyes Saturday night as Ford equalled his previous week's phenomenal stunt and proved the sensation of the two-day National Collegiate swimming championships final here.

"To us," they thrilled, "it was the arrival of the equivalent of a four-minute mile run; a sight all of us had hoped to see in our life-time."

By winning the century, Ford completed the N. C. A. A.'s first grand-slam triple since 1936. He had won the 50-yard freestyle and 150-yard backstroke on Friday. The

Ellis to a 39-38 team title triumph over Michigan, and clinched for him the College Swimming Coaches Association of America's award as the outstanding college swimmer of the year.



## Better Pacing Might Give Dodds a Four-Minute Mile

TRUAX FIELD, Wis. — The closer observance of a well-paced schedule on each quarter of the route might well give Gilbert Dodds, the New England parson who recently made a new world mile record, a real chance to come within closer range of the mythical four minute mile.

This was the opinion advanced last week by Capt. Charles (Chuck) Fenske, assistant director of personnel in the AAF Training Command's Truax Field, and the man who was one of the holders of the 4:07.4 record that Dodds smashed.

"Dodds has developed a habit of getting out there and unwinding like a clock," Captain Fenske pointed out yesterday. "He has apparently had little regard for saving his energy for the final sprint . . .

## GI Athletes May Take Part In Battlefront Olympics

WASHINGTON — When peace returns to the world the athletes in uniform may join in battlefield Olympics, an Army plan of international service games to help heal the scars of war.

Although the proposal lacks official confirmation, the Army is getting ready now for service games which may begin on the spot at war fronts and close with international finals in some major allied capital such as London. The games may be dedicated to the young athletes of the world who lost their lives in battle. Representative A. S. (Mike) Monrone (D., Okla.) said today he had learned that the Army was making plans for the post-war sports events. The Special Services Division has drafted an outline calling for preliminary competition in various theatres of war and members of Congress are enthusiastic about the games' possibilities.

"It would be the shortest road to travel back to normalcy, and a strong step toward international amity," Monrone said.

Representative Samuel A. Weiss (D., Pa.) said he "heartily endorses" the Army's idea and that it would be a "great world-wide morale builder."

Many a bright young star of the past few years will never run again, but other pre-war stars probably will be among the eligibles. A quick

### Keesler Commandos Claim Championship

KEESLER FIELD, Miss. — Champions of the Gulf Coast Service League, Keesler Field's enlisted Commandos have staked a claim to the 1944 basketball championship of the deep South—service, collegiate or otherwise.

The Commandos, who clinched the Gulf Coast title Wednesday night at Gulfport Field with a victory over Gulfport Field's Sustainers, boast among their 1943-44 season victims the otherwise unbeaten Pensacola, Fla., Naval Air Station team and Tulane's Green Wave, runnerup in the recent Southeastern conference tourney.

Keesler's fast-breaking five tamed the highly-touted Pensacola cagers by the substantial margin of 68-45, and then joined the Keesler Officers in mid-season play in whipping the Navy studded Tulane team, 46-42.

and it is this factor that may well prove to his disadvantage unless he changes his style.

"A smart miler," he continued, "might possibly defeat Dodds by letting Gil set the pace for the first three quarters, then turn the heat on in the final quarter. It's always been my experience that it's a lot easier to let the other fellow set the early pace. By running like that, Cunningham, MacMitchell or myself could usually pour the coal on and finish the final quarter close to 60 seconds."

Fenske, holder of the 1000 yard outdoor title, the  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile indoor track mark and the Western Conference mile crown, concluded by pointing out that Dodd's usual climactic lap was in range of 63 seconds, a comparatively slow time.

once-over of those now in service includes:

Dashes — Barney Ewell, Penn. State; Eulace Peacock, Temple; Harold Davis, California.

Hurdles — Thomas Todd, Jr., Virginia; Ray Ramsey, Bradley Tech; 440-Yard Dash — Charles Beetham, Ohio State; Francis Cotter, Fordham.

Half Mile — Joe Nowicki, Fordham.

Mile — Leslie MacMitchell, New York University; Frank Dixon, New York University.

Two Mile Run — Greg Rice, Notre Dame; Ollie Hunter, Notre Dame.

Pole Vault — Cornelius Warmerdam, Fresno State.

High Jump — Bill Vessie, Columbia; Joshua Williamson, Atlantic City.

Broad Jump — Ed Gordon, Iowa; Ewell, Peacock.

Weights — Al Blozis, Georgetown.

**Big Red, King of Thoroughbreds, Is 27 Years Old**

WASHINGTON — Big Red is getting old but despite his 27 years when Man o' War celebrated his birthday Wednesday his handsome coat gleamed like burnished gold and he looked to be what he is, the king of thoroughbreds.

It has been almost a quarter of a century since Big Red made his history but today when described as the greatest flattery is to call him "another Man O' War."

Man o' War won 20 races and lost one. He was upset by Upset. He won the Preakness, Withers, Belmont and Dwyer. He didn't race in the Kentucky Derby.

Great as he was competitively, he has become even more famous as a sire. His get have won 1,155 races and a record total of \$3,094,353.

In a recent poll conducted by the Thoroughbred Racing Association to pick the top 20 race horses, it was just a question of who the other 19 would be. Many of them were sired by Big Red. The other horses named (actually 21 because of a tie) are Alsab, Bienheim, Blue Larkspur, Cavalcade, Challedon, Count Fleet, Discovery, Equipoise, Exterminator, Gallant Fox, Omaha, Market Wager, Phar Lap, Regret, Religh Count, Seabiscuit, Shut Out, Sun Beau, Twenty Grand, War Admiral and Wh...

**CAMP COOKE, Calif.** — Credit for the first no-hit, no-run game of the season goes to Sgt. Ken French, who hurled the 42nd Tank Battalion softball team to a 13-0 win over the Combat Command A's nine in Eleventh Armored Division play.

**CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.** — On New Year's Day Lester A. Balaski booted Pop's Pick home in the handicap at New Orleans, hung up his tack for the last time and got into one of Uncle Sam's uniforms. Today Private Balaski, one of the leading money riders in 1942, is with Co. B, 57th Med. Tng. Bn.

**CAMP BEALE, Calif.** — Playing before the largest and noisiest crowd of the season, the Bealines turned in an impressive 60-38 win over the San Quentin prison five. The season finale was played on the San Quentin floor near San Rafael.

**CAMP STEWART, Ga.** — With 10 veterans on hand the Stewart Sky-buster baseball nine is getting ready to meet the Georgia State Prison Pirates in the opening game of the season.

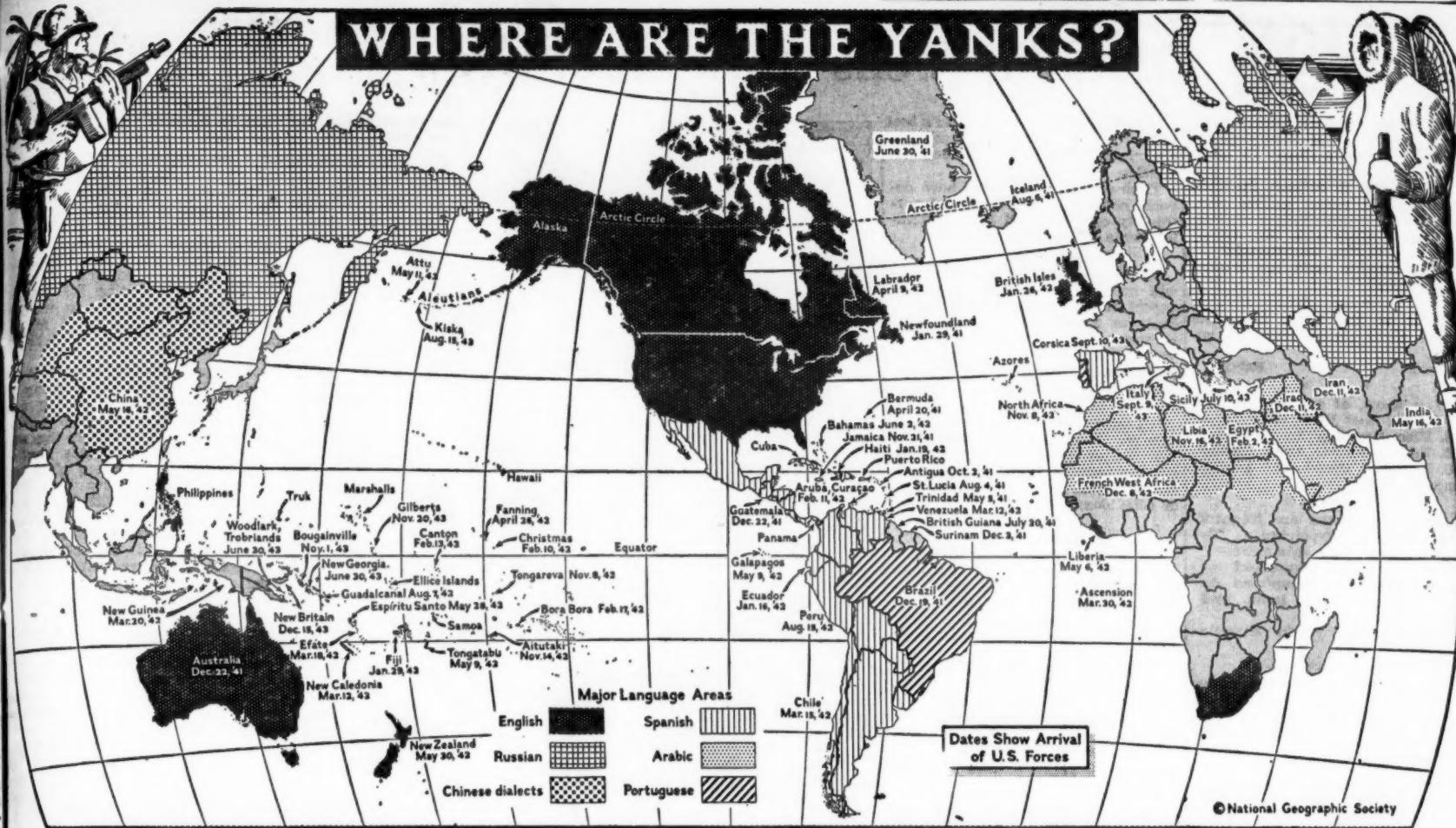
**CAMP SHELBY, Miss.** — Camp Shelby soldiers can now go fishing with GI tackle. Latest addition to the variety of sports equipment which can be tallied out by soldiers from the post field house is ocean fishing tackle.

**FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md.** — It's the "Howitzers" from the Fifth Regiment, first-half champions, against the battling "Coppers" from the MP Battalion, second-half finalists, for the AGF Basketball League championship.

**CAMP POLK, La.** — Pride and Joy of 11th Airborne Division GIs is their hard-hitting boxing team, which has won three matches since moving to this post. The 11th mitt-tossers beat Camp Claiborne's 8th Infantry Division 7-1; the 9th Armored Division of Camp Polk, 5-3, and Barksdale Field 6-2.

**BERGSTROM FIELD, Tex.** — The 42nd Base Squadron's EM five defeated the 26th Officers, 32-29, to win the Bergstrom Field championship for the season. The 42nd are repeaters, having won the crown last season.

## WHERE ARE THE YANKS?



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THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY is cooperating with ARMY TIMES in a series of feature articles on far-flung regions of the world where there are large concentrations of American soldiers, sailors and marines. The series will consist of this master map showing places and dates of Yank

landings, and 12 weekly articles and illustrating maps. The latter will appear on successive weeks. The first weekly article, describing the Solomon Islands, appears below. By preserving this master chart, readers may easily locate the geographic areas described in the series.

## Where Are the Yanks 1. The Solomon Islands

Consider the Solomons in all their green glory. Their rapid leap from security to spotlight position as a center of naval, air and land action by United States forces earns them first place in this series.

Certain facts stand out in the minds of even the least observant Americans who have been stationed there. Rain-soaked and tropical, the islands are almost countless. Many are coral pin-points. A few are as large as small states back home.

### Natives Superstitious

The largest are ridged with high mountains, verdant with forests and lush vegetation. Their shores are dotted with coconut plantations and small villages of ebony-skinned natives, mostly bearded, short, stocky, and superstitious. There are no wild beasts larger than small pigs and big rats. Birds are abundant, strange, screaming and colorful. oversized mosquitoes never sleep by night, and sticky, two-legged flies are a plague by day. So much is soon obvious. What geography have the more observant American fighting men in the Solomons learned?

The Solomon Islands lie about 400 airline miles southwest from San Francisco. Stretching 700 miles southeast to northwest, they form the middle of the arc of islands known as Melanesia. A thousand miles southwest across the Coral Sea is the Great Barrier Reef coast of Australia. Directly west is New Guinea, its nearest land point 400 miles across island-dotted waters.

### Double Chain

The seven largest Solomons define the double chain that almost encloses a large ocean lake. Land area of the entire group is double that of New Jersey. Population is estimated at 140,000—about matching Trenton, New Jersey's capital. Standing on San Cristobal, southern anchor of the double chain, a Yank might stride forth, using the seven large islands for stepping-

stones. Headless of razor-back mountain ridges, he would plant his right foot on populous Malaita, then his left foot on famous Guadalcanal. Between them nestle Florida and Tulagi, forming the finest harbor in the Solomons.

Next, the giant's right foot would bear down on long, narrow Santa Isabel, where natives build giant

war canoes and ride the surf on boards as in distant Hawaii. This stride would pass Savo and the Russells.

His left foot would land on New Georgia, central unit of the New Georgia cluster. His fifth step and sixth large island would be right foot to reef-encircled Choiseul. His march would end on Bougainville, largest of the Solomons and northern anchor of the double chain.

Bougainville, 125 miles long and 48 miles maximum width, has nearly one-fourth of all Solomons land area. Its mountains are highest, reaching above 10,000 feet in the north. Mt. Bagana, one of several smoke-plumed

volcanoes, was in violent eruption in 1937. Harbors and anchorages at Adm. Bui and Buka Passage are among the best in the Islands. With Malaita, Bougainville shares two-thirds of the Islands' population.

### Guadalcanal Second Largest

Guadalcanal, second largest of the Islands, has flat grasslands bordering its northern coast. They led to its selection as a base for air power. The busy Henderson Field site was first picked by the Japs. Gold has been found in the Guadalcanal mountain ridge, which reaches to 8,000 feet.

In the New Georgia group, more level grasslands and scores of islands with narrow passages and bays made natural settings for intrepid land and sea action. Vangunu, Rendova, cone-shaped Kolombangara and Velle Lavella are large units of the now historic cluster.

Mendana, a Spaniard, discovered the Solomons in 1568. He encouraged other voyagers to look for them by suggesting they were the source of gold for Solomon's temple in Jerusalem. Not rediscovered for two full centuries, they became a Pacific question mark.

Stories of trades and missionaries and occasional disappearances of white visitors in the late 19th century established proof of some native taste for "long pig." Head-hunting expeditions against neighboring tribes were long popular, not for the sake of human meat, but because a string of skulls was proof of courage and bravery. The practice of "blackbirding," kidnaping natives for labor on distant coconut plantations, gave Solomon Islanders ample reason for distrusting white visitors.

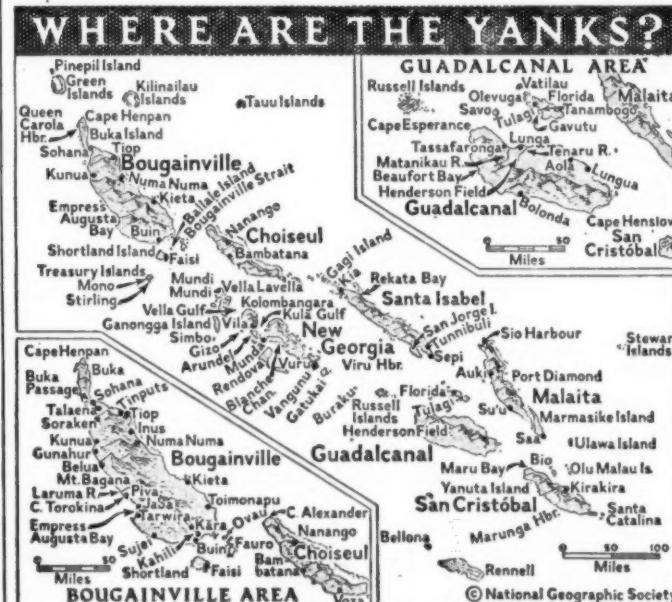
Today, cannibalism and "blackbirding" are far in the past. Administrators at Tulagi, for the British protectorate part of the Islands, and at Kieta, for Bougainville and Buka in Australian mandate territory, have earned native respect. Missionaries, whose lot was once hard indeed, are making slow progress against deep-rooted superstitions and the ancient feuding between inland and coastal tribes.

As the war cloud passes northward, the natives resume work on plantations of gathering for export ivory nuts, sandalwood, and the trochus shells from which "pearl" buttons are made. Thousands are small farmers, raising taro root and pigs; other thousands live on Nature's gifts along the Islands' shores.

## Gen. Crichtow Joins Requirements Section

WASHINGTON—Gen. Robert W. Crichtow, Jr., has been appointed Assistant Chief of the Requirements Section, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, the War Department announced this week. Prior to his present assignment he was Commanding General of the 57th Anti-aircraft Artillery Brigade.

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SINCE August 7, 1942, the Solomons have topped the islands of the southwestern Pacific in the war news. The rain-soaked, islands form a 700-mile chain, home of short, stocky, superstitious, ebony-skinned natives, many of whom eke out a living tending coconut plantations. Insets show detail of the two largest islands, Guadalcanal and Bougainville, beginning and end points respectively of the successful Yank Solomons drive.

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## Army Quiz

1. Children in London picked up "flitterers" dropped by invading German bombers last week. "Flitterers" are strips of silvery paper. The aim of the Germans in using them is—

A. To make it difficult for the antiaircraft gunners to see the planes?

B. To interfere with the operations of detecting instruments?

C. To provide tails for incendiary bombs?

2. Most of the noise from the average plane comes from the engine. True? False?

3. You know, of course what the FBI is. But does FBIS stand for—

A. Free Bombing In Slovakia?

B. French Border Intra Spain?

C. Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service?

4. American airmen are frequently mentioned in dispatches as "flying the hump." Does this mean—

A. Riding a P-38 piggyback?

B. Crossing the mountains on the route between India and China?

C. Making the North Atlantic crossing?

5. The Senate has been discussing the American Legion's "GI Bill of Rights." Is this concerned with—

A. A soldier's privileges in a Court Martial?

B. The Soldier Vote?

C. Benefits for Veterans?

6. The American landings in Sicily and Italy were made on a definite date set some time in advance by the Allied leaders. True? False?

7. Maj. Gen. L. H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance, recently referred to the "Long Tom" as "one of the most remarkable pieces of fighting equipment the world over." Would you say "Long Tom" was—

A. The 240 mm howitzer?

B. The famous French "75"?

C. The 155 mm. gun on high-speed carriage?

8. Recent dispatches noted the "neutralizing" of Wewak by American bombing planes. In the neutralizing operations did the planes fly over—

A. New Guinea?

B. New Ireland?

C. New Britain?

9. The abbreviation "DZ" is frequently used by officers of the Troop Carrier Command in referring to operations in Burma. Do they mean—

A. Deployed zeros?

B. Drop zone?

C. Direct zenith?

10. In her travels in the Netherlands West Indies Mrs. Roosevelt has written of contacting "Papamento." Is this—

A. A special spiced food used by the islanders?

## Mauldin Tells How Joe Grew

Sgt. Bill Mauldin is the war's best cartoonist. His cartoons characterize the infantryman, the Queen of Battles.

Time and Life magazines have devoted columns to the work and personality of 22-year-old Bill. Columnist Ernie Pyle told about Bill.

### Syndicates and Books

Millions of newspaper readers will soon be introduced to a new aspect of life at the front as United Features Syndicate makes its final arrangements for releasing Sergeant Bill's cartoons to its newspaper family. Army Times is making the final lay-outs for a cartoon book.

His story of how and why Joe changed from a clean-shaven Fort Sill recruit to a battle-toughened, bearded veteran is told in the following story, which was reprinted in Life magazine.

### Bill's Story

Somewhere in Italy

It's a little difficult for me now to remember just when I first met Joe the infantryman. He didn't appear suddenly, and we were never formally introduced. He hung around for years and I suspect that, like Topsy, he just grew.

If Joe had any beginning at all it must have been back in 1940. I was a private in an infantry rifle company and so damn mad at my company commander and first sergeant and mess sergeant and corporal that I wanted to get even with them all.

After retreat, unless I had late KP, I would take off across the parade ground and spend half the night drawing nasty cartoons about the officers and mess sergeants for the division newspaper. Then I'd be sleepy and miss reveille next morning; the officers would have me where they wanted me until the day was over and I could go back and draw more cartoons.

### Morale Factor

After about a year the kind gods with brass on their shoulders decided the cartoons were a "morale factor" and gave me a full-time job on the division newspaper. That's when the private started to assert himself. The poor dupe should have seen that I was biting the hand that fed me and doing my darndest to undermine the whole officer system but somehow they never caught on.

There was the time that a soldier I knew back in the States was running a 103-degree fever. His medical officer sent him through two miles of mud and rain to get his toilet articles from the barracks so he wouldn't keep the hospital-bound ambulance waiting. I drew a picture about that and when the paper ran it the hospital commander came over and raised hell. The assistant

division commander, a nice, blustery old brigadier general, intercepted him and told him not to put the shoe on unless it fit. Then he clumped up two flights of stairs to tell me about it, laughing hoarsely. I think he must have had to run for his toliet articles himself sometime during his Army career.



"If I git there without bein' sunk, an' land without gittin' shot, an' meet me a gal wot ain't been dated, this might come in handy."

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### Back Them Up

That's what I haven't been able to figure out about the cartoons. The officers persist in calling them a morale factor and back them up when all the time the idea is to take the wind out of their sails.

My new life was comparatively soft but my hands will always have mop-handle curl. I monkeyed around with the infantry from time to time and even drove myself to live the horrible old life for a few days now and then. The cartoons wandered from Fort Sill to Camp Barkeley, Fort Devens to Pine Camp, and Camp Pickett to Camp Patrick Henry. They kept hammering everlasting blows at the Army system. It never fell but sometimes I felt

convinced that it was tottering and was content.

### "Hey Joe"

In Sicily soldiers I knew did their first fighting. And that's where Joe got his name. As Americans pushed through little mountain villages Sicilian kids would call out to infantrymen, "Hey, Joe! Caramella? Cigarette?" I had dabbled with the name Joe before in cartoons but that clinched it. I still don't know why the kids picked that name but from then on infantry was Joe to them and Joe to me. In Italy once again kids recognized him as "Hey, Joe!" when they wanted bonbons and fags.

So there's Joe the average American combat soldier leading a life he hates so bitterly that he's fighting a war to get it over with. Overseas, Joe hasn't had much time to heckle the officers. He's been concerned with keeping himself alive and fairly dry and well fed. It's more than enough to occupy anybody's time, even a guy with Joe's steadfast suspicion of superiors. He's

changed his attitude about MPs too. Once upon a time nobody hated MPs like Joe. They were always catching him without a pass and generally trying to make life miserable for him. Over here it's different, at least where combat MPs are concerned. They guard crossroads under shellfire so supplies can get to Joe and they take prisoners off Joe's hand so he's softened up a little toward a lot of them.

### Joe's Gripe

Of course he'll always be dour on the subject of rear-line MPs. They act just like they did in the States. Joe's gripe when he arrives in Naples for a short rest after six or seven months of combat and he has to ask a base section MP what all the campaign ribbons on the MPs well-pressed blouse stand for. Joe hasn't seen a blouse since he left the States.

Joe's sore about the soldiers' club incident too. He was driving his company commander around town in their battered little jeep in search of relaxation. Everywhere they went soldiers' clubs had "Ties must be worn" signs and officers' clubs were reserved for rear-area brass hats. Joe said, "The hell with it, sir. Let's go back to the front." I drew a picture about that for The Stars and Stripes and the commanding general of the rear area called up and raised hell. I thought of Joe's medical officer in the States.

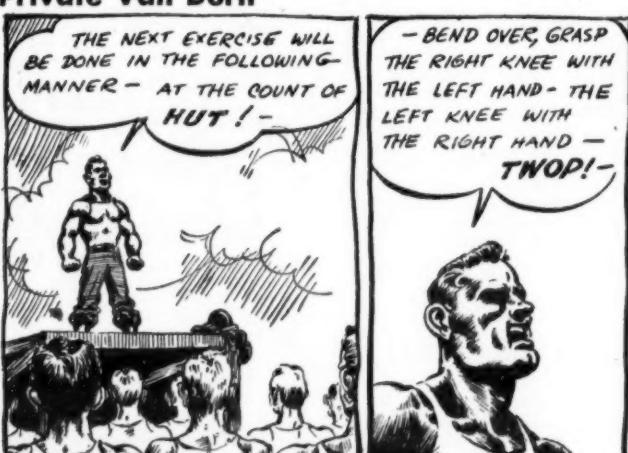
Drawing cartoons about Joe is more difficult now than it was in the States. Everything he did there was good material but here there are some things you don't kid about. I was in a machine-gun position with Joe last December when a German mortar shell landed almost on top of us. It nicked me and put a hole the size of a brick in the chest of one of Joe's best friends. Neither Joe nor I saw anything funny in that so we stay off the subject of death.

We don't kid much about fear either. In the States a sentry who's afraid of the dark is pretty humorous. Here fear is a real and terrible thing. Joe is generally scared and he won't deny it. He is constantly in danger of losing his life whether he is in line catching bullets on patrol, catching mines and grenades, or back in the reserve getting shelled and bombed and strafed.

The Air Forces, their mission finished, go back to reasonably comfortable bases. At most they are in combat only a few hours. It is pretty much the same with other highly mechanized branches. Understand, Joe knows they are doing a job and they have their troubles and dangers—but Joe knows his infantry faces stark death 24 hours a day and his only reward after completing a "mission" and pushing the enemy back over a cold rocky mountain is to follow up and push him over the next one.

It is from this constant danger and misery that Joe has developed a sense of humor of his own—not a slapstick humor but a humor that is pretty grim and bitter sometimes. It is very hard to put out this kind of humor for Joe, and I feel pretty good because he lets me do it. Joe will always have my complete admiration and respect because he manages to grin once in a while despite the life he leads.

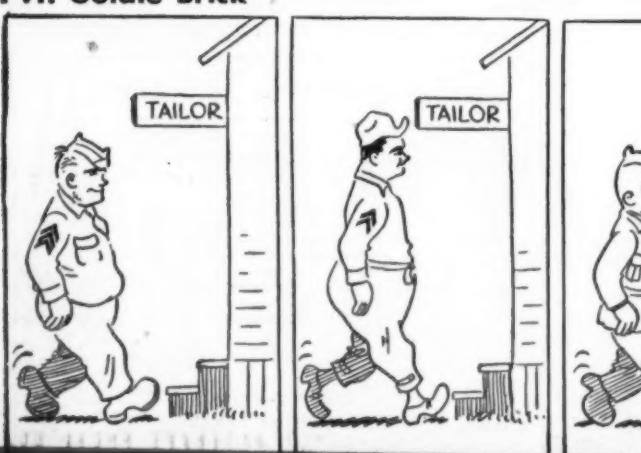
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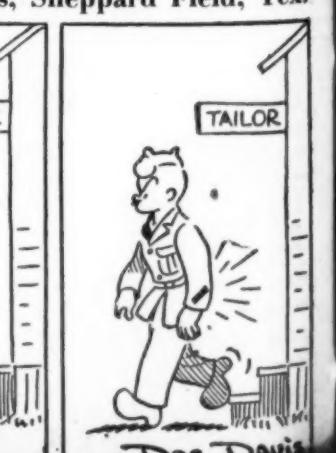
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# SOLDIER SHOWS

"Give me a thousand men who have been entertained, rather than ten thousand who have had no entertainment."

General John J. Pershing. In this column the entertainment section of the Special Services Division contributes items on shows which are in some interesting or outstanding. Perhaps, in these items you may have a suggestion which will be helpful to you in producing your show.

The Upper Set  
MERED FIELD, Calif.—Day by day and show by show the happy combination of GI's and WAC's is becoming an established formula for evening of soldier entertainment.

Now, from Merced Field, a show that really makes the lovely ladies-in-arms an integral part of the Thespian doin's. We refer to a play entitled "Heaven's Above," which opens on a barracks scene in which the lower bunks are occupied by GI's and the uppers by WAC's. Incongruity is soon dispelled as the show gets under way and tells the story of a rookie named Robert Applegate, who tries to enlist in the Army and is prevented from doing so because the draft board cites the plight of 10 little sisters (albeit voting age) who are dependent upon him for bread, butter and financial protection. Robert gets around by taking his deferments into the service with him as WAC's. It's a novel premise for a soldier show and lends itself to many a plot ramifications—you can easily imagine the same scenes that can spring from processing, inoculation, orientation and toughening basic chores inflicted upon the 10 upper-bunkers.

"Heaven's Above" is right!  
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the music scores, it was the first histrionic effort of the Raiders Roost Players, numbering 40. Standout numbers: Russian Interlude—a 12-man chorus in Cossack dress; a piano team that tickled the ribs as well as the ivories; a harem dance by a GI Joe. Professional talent a-plenty gave a creditable performance under the direction of a Pfc who used to be a Hollywood producer before the commanding general of the Armed Forces invited him to join Uncle Sam's Army.

## Book Notes

### Wingate's Raiders

By Charles J. Rolo. (The Viking Press, New York, \$2).

The story of Wingate's raid into the heart of Burma has already become tradition. Mr. Rolo has made a splendid report of the raid that beat the Japs at their own game of infiltration. For three months this sizable force of carefully chosen, perfectly trained fighting men hacked their way through a thousand miles of hitherto impenetrable jungle, eluding and fighting off the Japs, fed and supplied only from the air. (The RAF did such a good job of dropping supplies that losses became less than 2%).

The hero of the story is, of course, Wingate. The book opens with an excellent character sketch of the leader. The reader comes to understand the success of the raid through the leader, who believed in joint participation of all ranks, no distinction between officers and men, and that the lowest private can contribute to a discussion of strategy.

The raiders were not hardened veterans, but second line troops with the usual background: city clerks, farmers, salesmen, miners. Even though hardened by months of training in Indian jungles, their exploits, endurance and fortitude bewilder the reader.

So far-reaching are the results of this raid, they are incalculable. Much was learned about jungle warfare and living conditions. Wingate's little army kept ten thousand miles of Jap-held territory in constant confusion and panic for three months.

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## Quiz Answers

(See "Army Quiz," Page 14.)

1. B.  
2. False. Approximately half the noise heard in a plane comes from the propellers.

3. C.  
4. B.  
5. C.

6. False. While an approximate date was probably set, the actual time of the landings was governed by weather conditions.

7. C.  
8. A. Wewak is in New Guinea.

9. B.

10. C. Papiamento is a jargon spoken by Negroes of the West Indies. It is a mixture of Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, native African and English.

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## Chesterfield Ad Series Shows How to Help Servicemen

NEW YORK—A novel double-barreled campaign for Chesterfield cigarettes starts April 10. It is based on running two different groups of advertisements simultaneously. The advertisements will run in morning and evening newspapers from coast to coast.

The first group stresses the quality of the Chesterfield tobaccos. It features a large-size picture of an actual tobacco farmer and carries his signed statement about the kind of tobacco Chesterfield buys from him.

The second group pictures situations, under the general heading of "Things that mean a lot these days" and mostly involving men in the service, in which a cigarette plays a friendly part.

For example, one of the ads in this second group brings home the idea the servicemen should have first call on the use of the telephone with a caption reading: "You first, soldier

### WAR

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peace, after their turn-down of the Russian terms two weeks ago.

#### Air Attacks Continue

American and British bombers continue their attacks on Nazi industrial plants in Germany and France, notably at Augsburg, Stuttgart, Munich and Brunswick. At Augsburg the German defenders used for the first time new four-engine fighters with rockets in their tails. Formerly the rockets were shot from the planes' wings.

A number of the Allied attacks, particularly those in the Coastal area, met no defense from the air, indicative of the fact that the German air leaders prefer to take chances on factory damage rather than risk in action the rapidly-dwindling fighter planes of the Luftwaffe.

The Japanese penetration of India became more menacing at mid-week as one of the four advancing columns forced a British withdrawal in the Ukkhrull and another threatened Kohima, a key communication center in Manipur state. Dispatches note that their progress was made in the face of terrific casualties.

As against this Lt. Gen. Joseph Stillwell's American and Chinese force continues to make progress in Northern Burma. Late reports note that the main Jap force in that area is now surrounded in a goose-egg noose north of Shadup and that Stillwell is steadily closing the noose.

Allied planes ranged over thousands of miles of the South Pacific during the week, attacking many enemy bases, and paying daily visits with bombs to Rabaul in New Britain. A new area was touched on Tuesday when a bombing attack was made on Hollandia, in Dutch New Guinea.

## GI Bill Of Rights May Be Rushed to President

WASHINGTON—The Senate last week passed and sent to the House the GI Bill of Rights, providing broad benefits for veterans of this war. Approval of the bill is so general that as Army Times went to press it looked as if the House might suspend the rules and rush the measure to the President's desk before Congress goes on its Easter vacation.

Vote in the Senate was unanimous, 49 to 0, and no opposition has been voiced by any member of the House, although a few members have advocated making slight amendments.

Only two major changes were made in the bill in the Senate. The provision was eliminated which would have limited educational benefits to veterans whose schooling was interrupted or prevented by their entering service. The other, also pertaining to education, would permit veterans eligible for more than one year's schooling to continue their training so long as their grades are satisfactory, without taking additional examinations.

The Omnibus "GI Bill of Rights" provides for increased hospital facilities, speedy settlements of claims and other protections for the disabled veterans. It provides for all veterans a chance to complete their education; a streamlined and effective employment service; loans to aid them in the purchase of homes, farms or small businesses; 52 weeks of unemployment compensation; vocational training; a board to review discharges; and the placing of all these governmental functions for veterans under the U. S. Veterans

### 'Read' Offers \$5,000 For Suggestions On Punishing Germany

WASHINGTON—If you can use a thousand dollars sit down and write a letter to the editors of "Read" magazine, telling them what you'd do to punish Germany.

Maybe you've already said what you think in bull sessions, when German punishment was just one issue along with "Women," "Liquor," "GI Food" or other gripes and orchids. Or, maybe, you've got a subconscious thought that came when you were on KP, "When I get to Berlin, I'm going to make Hitler . . ."

"Read" magazine wants to know what Americans think should be done to Germany. It's offering 100 prizes to the authors of letters, up to 500 words in length, on the subject. The first prize is \$1,000; the 2nd, \$500; 3rd, 4th and 5th, \$250; 6th to 10th, \$100; 11th through 20th, \$75; 21st through 30th, \$50; 31st through 50th, \$25, and 51st through 100th, \$10.00.

The rules for this contest don't call for anything that GI Joes can't find time, place and energy to do. Entries may be submitted either as letters or articles, written on only one side of the paper. The competition is open to all American citizens except certain government officials and newspaper editors invited to help "Read" judge the letters. Additional information may be obtained by writing to "War Contest Editor, Read Magazine, 1780 Broadway, New York, 19, N. Y."

### Noted Artist Paints Training at Barkeley

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—John Steuart Curry, noted for his paintings depicting the American scene and especially the home life of the prairie states, arrived here this week on a mission to paint the activities of the Medical Department as he sees the men in training at the

Medical Replacement Training Center.

Mr. Curry said that while here his work will consist only of sketching the training. The finished paintings will be done in his studio in Madison, Wis. He expects to do most of his work in the Camp Barkeley maneuver area depicting medical troops in field training exercises.

### AIR WAR

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among United States planes destroyed in aerial combat any planes missing on combat missions on which enemy aircraft were present even though positive proof does not exist that the enemy planes, not enemy antiaircraft fire, shot them down.

The following table is solely a record of plane against plane, compiled in all types of missions, whether performed primarily to destroy a German war plant or to keep a region clear of enemy air:

ENEMY LOSSES IN AERIAL COMBAT	ENEMY LOSSES ON THE GROUND			AAF LOSSES			
	Destroyed	Probably Destroyed	Damaged	Destroyed	Damaged	In Air	On Ground
9463	2743	3402	1579	222	575	2809	76
3832	962	1832	United Kingdom	...	...	899	
2824	789	960	Mediterranean	814	113	397	1307
2279	820	459	Southwest Pacific and China-Burma-India	742	103	147	420
528	172	151	South Pacific, Hawaii and Alaska	23	6	31	183

### Clothing the Men Is Easier But What About Girls?

LONDON—John Bull didn't have much trouble deciding what he'd like to clothe his sons returning from service—he simply sat down and ordered 1,000,000 "civilian" military suits, complete from hats to shoes, intending to distribute these sets worth about \$21 each, to the boys they are demobilized.

Taking into account individual sizes, tastes, etc., he ordered about a dozen different styles and colors.

"A dozen different styles, indeed. Well, what are you going to do about us?" wailed the female WRNS, ATS, and WAAF. "Even 12th woman would be wearing outfit just like every other woman's."

The girls found a champion War Minister Sir James Grigg though—Sir James admitted that "women in the services present somewhat different problems from that of the men", and finally hit the idea of giving coupons and cash to each ex-servicewoman and letting her choose her own.

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